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1 **[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

2 **ON JUNE 8, 2004, BEGINS ON PAGE 222.]**

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE. WE ARE GOING TO
7 BEGIN THE MEETING. WE HAVE A VERY LONG AGENDA TODAY. I'D ASK
8 THAT EVERYONE PLEASE RISE. AND, BEFORE WE BEGIN WITH OUR
9 INVOCATION AND OUR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND BEGIN THIS
10 MEETING, I WOULD ASK ALL OF YOU FOR A MOMENT OF SILENCE IN
11 HONOR AND MEMORY OF THE 40TH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF
12 AMERICA, THE HONORABLE RONALD WILSON REAGAN. (MOMENT OF
13 SILENCE)

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15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'LL BE LED IN THE INVOCATION
16 BY PASTOR DAVID MARTINEZ, FAITH TABERNACLE CHURCH IN SOUTH EL
17 MONTE, FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, WHICH WILL BE LED
18 BY CORPORAL ARMANDO CARDENAS, ADJUTANT, EAGLE ROCK POST NUMBER
19 276 OF THE AMERICAN LEGION. PASTOR?

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21 **PASTOR DAVID H. MARTINEZ:** LET US PRAY. DEAR HEAVENLY FATHER,
22 WE'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR THIS DAY, FOR YOUR LOVE AND YOUR
23 MERCY AND YOUR GRACE. WE THANK YOU FOR THE BOARD OF
24 SUPERVISORS THAT YOU HAVE SELECTED TO RUN THE COUNTY OF LOS
25 ANGELES. WE PRAY THEY DISCUSS THE ISSUES ON THE AGENDA TODAY.



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1 YOUR WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE MAY FLOW THROUGH THEM. WE PRAY IN
2 YOUR NAME. AMEN.

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4 **ARMANDO CARDENAS:** PLEASE PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART
5 AND JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG. [PLEDGE
6 OF ALLEGIANCE]

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. PLEASE BE SEATED. SUPERVISOR
9 MOLINA?

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11 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. IT'S MY PLEASURE HERE TO
12 PRESENT A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO PASTOR DAVID H.
13 MARTINEZ. DAVID MARTINEZ HAS SERVED AS SENIOR PASTOR OF FAITH
14 TABERNACLE CHURCH IN SOUTH EL MONTE FOR 28 YEARS. HE WAS
15 RAISED IN EAST L.A., WHERE HE ATTENDED GARFIELD HIGH SCHOOL.
16 HE'S A GRADUATE OF THE LATIN AMERICAN BIBLE INSTITUTE IN 1978.
17 HE RECEIVED HIS MASTER'S FROM THE FULLER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.
18 IN ADDITION TO HIS DUTIES AT THE TABERNACLE, HE SERVES AS A
19 BOARD MEMBER, CHAPLAIN, AND TEACHER AT THE LATIN AMERICAN
20 BIBLE INSTITUTE AND HE IS ALSO THE ADMISSIONS DIRECTOR FOR THE
21 VICTORY TRAINING INSTITUTE. WE WANT TO THANK YOU. IT'S A
22 PLEASURE TO HAVE YOU HERE AND WE THANK YOU FOR LEADING US IN
23 OUR INVOCATION. [APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, CORPORAL ARMANDO CARDENAS IS A
2 MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVE, ACTIVE RESERVE. HE'S
3 A COMBAT FIELD MEDIC WITH THE 349TH EVACUATION HOSPITAL. IN
4 HIS PRIVATE-- WHEN HE WAS NOT ACTIVATED, HE'S IN THE UNION
5 PACIFIC RAILROAD. HE'S A GRADUATE OF PACIFIC PALISADES HIGH
6 SCHOOL AND HE'S MARRIED WITH ONE CHILD. SO, ARMANDO, THANK YOU
7 FOR COMING DOWN AND LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [
8 APPLAUSE]

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL BEGIN WITH THE AGENDA.

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12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE
13 BOARD. WE'LL BEGIN ON PAGE 4. ON ITEM CS-2 AND CS-4, WE HAVE A
14 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WHO WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON THOSE. ON
15 PAGE 6, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE SANITATION DISTRICT
16 NUMBERS 27 AND 35, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 7.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY
19 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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21 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY
22 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEMS 1-D THROUGH 5-D. ON 4-D,
23 SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THAT ITEM BE HELD AND THEN, ON
24 THE REMAINDER OF THOSE ITEMS, WE HAVE A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
25 WHO ASKED TO SPEAK ON THOSE ITEMS.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. OKAY. SO ORDERED.

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4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. AND THEN AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF
5 THE HOUSING AUTHORITY. ON ITEM 4-H, THAT IS ALSO-- THAT ALSO
6 INCLUDES THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS
7 REGARDING THE AGREEMENT. HOWEVER, ON ITEMS 1-H THROUGH 7-H, WE
8 HAVE A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WHO REQUESTS THAT THOSE ITEMS BE
9 HELD. ALSO, 6-H, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THAT ITEM
10 BE...

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I'LL RELEASE MY HOLD ON THAT.

13

14 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. SO THEN WE'RE HOLDING ALL OF THOSE
15 FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE
16 REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, ON ITEM 1-P AND 2-P,
17 WE'LL HOLD THOSE FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. BOARD OF
18 SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 10, ON ITEM NUMBER 6, SUPERVISOR
19 ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT ITEM BE HELD, AND SUPERVISOR KNABE
20 REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE ON 6. AND THEN THE REMAINDER
21 OF THOSE ITEMS, WE HAVE A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. NUMBER 6 WILL BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THEN, ON THE REMAINDER OF THOSE
2 ITEMS, WE HAVE A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD
3 ALL OF THOSE.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

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7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ON ITEM NUMBER
8 11, HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. ON ITEM-- AUDITOR-
9 CONTROLLER, ITEMS 12 AND 13, WE HAVE A REQUEST TO HOLD THOSE
10 FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. BEACHES AND HARBORS, ITEM 14, HOLD
11 FOR SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. CHILDREN AND
12 FAMILY SERVICES, ON ITEM 15, HOLD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.
13 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEMS 16 THROUGH 18, HOLD
14 THOSE FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. COMMUNITY AND SENIOR
15 SERVICES, ITEMS 19 THROUGH 22. ON ITEM NUMBER 19, AS NOTED ON
16 THE GREEN SHEET, THE DIRECTOR REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM BE
17 CONTINUED ONE WEEK. ON ITEM NUMBER 20, THE DIRECTOR REQUESTS
18 THAT THAT ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT, AND ON ITEM
19 22, SUPERVISOR BURKE REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE. ON 21--
20 ON 19, 20, 21, AND 22, WE HAVE A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WHO
21 REQUESTED THAT THOSE ITEMS BE HELD.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY, 21 WILL BE HELD. 19, 20, AND 22 WILL
24 GO PER RECOMMENDATION. 19 WILL BE CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK. 20



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1 WILL BE REFERRED BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT. 22 WILL BE CONTINUED
2 FOR ONE WEEK. SO ORDERED.

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4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** COUNTY COUNSEL. ON ITEM 23, HOLD FOR A
5 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. FIRE DEPARTMENT, ITEM 24, HOLD FOR A
6 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. HEALTH SERVICES, 25 THROUGH 32, AS NOTED
7 ON THE GREEN SHEET, ON ITEM 25, THE DIRECTOR REQUESTS THAT THE
8 ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT. AND THEN ALSO
9 AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE EXTENSIONS TO THE EXISTING
10 LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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14 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THEN, ON 26, THE DIRECTOR REQUESTS A
15 ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

18

19 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THEN ON THE REMAINDER, WE HAVE A
20 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON THOSE ITEMS.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

23

24 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HUMAN RESOURCES, ON ITEM 33, HOLD FOR A
25 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. ON ITEM 34, HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF THE



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1 PUBLIC. ON PROBATION, ITEMS 35 THROUGH 37. ON 35, HOLD FOR
2 SUPERVISOR MOLINA. ON 36, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. AND
3 THEN, ON THE REMAINDER-- OR ALL OF THE PROBATION ITEMS, WE
4 HAVE A REQUEST FROM THE PUBLIC TO HOLD. PUBLIC LIBRARY, ON
5 ITEMS 38 THROUGH 40, WE HAVE A REQUEST TO HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF
6 THE PUBLIC. PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, ITEMS 41 AND 42, WE HAVE A
7 REQUEST TO HOLD THOSE FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. ON 42, THE
8 DIRECTOR IS REQUESTING A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. PUBLIC WORKS, ITEMS 43 THROUGH 55,
13 ON 44, HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. 45, HOLD FOR A MEMBER
14 OF THE PUBLIC. 46, 47, AND 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55,
15 HOLD THOSE FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. SHERIFF, ITEMS 56
16 THROUGH 58, WE HAVE A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO
17 HOLD.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ON WHICH ITEM IS THAT?

20

21 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THAT'S 56 THROUGH 58. MISCELLANEOUS
22 COMMUNICATIONS, 59 AND 60, HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.
23 SEPARATE MATTERS, 61 AND 62, AND I'LL READ THOSE INTO THE
24 RECORD AND THEN WE'LL HOLD THEM FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. 61
25 IS, "THE TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT



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1 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONITA UNIFIED
2 SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATIONS BONDS ELECTION 2004,
3 SERIES "A" IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30
4 MILLION." ON ITEM NUMBER 62, "IT IS THE TREASURER AND TAX
5 COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
6 ISSUANCE AND SALE OF MONTEBELLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
7 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS ELECTION 1998, SERIES 2004, IN
8 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,582,927.70."
9 WE'LL HOLD THOSE FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. ORDINANCE FOR
10 ADOPTION, 63. HOLD THOSE FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.
11 MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA REQUESTED BY BOARD
12 MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, WHICH WERE
13 POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ABSENCE OF THE MEETING, AS
14 INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 64-A, HOLD
15 FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. ON ITEM 64-B, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR
16 YAROSLAVSKY AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. ON ITEM 64-C, HOLD FOR
17 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND A MEMBER
18 OF THE PUBLIC. 64-D, 64-E, AND 64-F, HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF THE
19 PUBLIC. AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF
20 SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT
21 NUMBER 2.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. FOR THE INDIVIDUAL THAT HELD EVERY
24 ITEM ON THE AGENDA, JUST FOR YOUR INFORMATION, WE WILL ALLOW
25 YOU THREE MINUTES AT THE CONCLUSION PRIOR TO PUBLIC COMMENTS



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1 AT THE END OF THE MEETING. WE WILL GO THROUGH THE NORMAL
2 COURSE OF BUSINESS UNDER THE NEW RULES OF THIS BOARD AND BEGIN
3 WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NUMBER 2, SUPERVISOR BURKE, YOUR
4 ADJOURNMENTS, AND ANY ITEMS THAT YOU HELD.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE HAVE PRESENTATIONS.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OH, EXCUSE ME. ALL RIGHT. WE WILL DO
9 PRESENTATIONS. SORRY ABOUT THAT. SUPERVISOR BURKE?

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** I HAVE NO PRESENTATIONS.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. I'D LIKE TO CALL UP OUR I.S.D.
14 INTERIM DIRECTOR, DAVE LAMBERTSON, AND PROGRAM STAFF
15 PERSONNEL, RICHARD BURNS, AND ALICE ESTRADA AND SHARON QUINN,
16 DR. DAVID SANDERS, OUR DIRECTOR OF D.C.F.S., ALONG WITH OUR
17 HONORED GRADUATES. IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO RECOGNIZE
18 FOUR YOUNG PEOPLE TODAY WHO ARE GRADUATING FROM THE INTERNAL
19 SERVICES YOUTH CAREER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. THIS PROGRAM WAS
20 STARTED IN 2000. THE PROGRAM TRAINS ENTHUSIASTIC YOUTH FOR
21 FUTURE COUNTY JOB PLACEMENT. PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS ARE SELECTED
22 FROM A LARGE POOL OF EMANCIPATED FOSTER YOUTH WITH THE
23 ASSISTANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF D.C.F.S. AND COMMUNITY AND
24 SENIOR SERVICES. PARTICIPANTS OF THE PROGRAM ARE OFFERED
25 TRAINING. THEY ALSO RECEIVE LIFE SKILLS, WHICH INCLUDE



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1 CRITICAL THINKING AND PROBLEM-SOLVING, BUSINESS ETHICS AND
2 COMMUNICATION TECHNIQUES. THEY'RE ALSO ENCOURAGED TO TAKE
3 SUPPLEMENTAL COLLEGE AND TECHNICAL COURSES. FINALLY, EACH
4 INDIVIDUAL IS PAIRED WITH AN I.S.D. VOLUNTEER MENTOR WHO
5 PROVIDES ONGOING SUPPORT, ENCOURAGEMENT, AND GUIDANCE
6 THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. THIS YEAR'S ACCOMPLISHED GRADUATES, AND I
7 WANT TO ASK DAVE TO COME UP HERE AND JOIN ME, AND WE'RE GOING
8 TO PRESENT INDIVIDUAL PLAQUES. THIS YEAR'S, FIRST OF ALL IS
9 MERCEDES ANAYA, WHO IS NOW A CLERICAL WORKER IN I.S.D.'S
10 PURCHASING DIVISION, WHERE SHE'S RESPONSIBLE FOR ASSIGNING AND
11 MONITORING PURCHASE REQUESTS. SHE GENERATES REPORTS AND
12 SPREADSHEETS AND PROCESSES PACKING SLIPS. MERCEDES IS A SELF-
13 STARTER WITH VERY GOOD WORK HABITS WHO IS EXTREMELY
14 CONSCIENTIOUS. MERCEDES, CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OUR NEXT RECIPIENT OF BEVERLY KING, WHO HAS
17 BEEN HIRED AS A CLERICAL WORKER IN I.S.D.'S WIDE SUPPORT
18 DIVISION. SHE'S RESPONSIBLE FOR DATA ENTRY, PROCESSING IN NEW
19 SECURITY BADGES, MONITORING BUILDING SECURITY VIDEOTAPES AND
20 ASSISTING WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S SUPERVISION ACADEMY. SHE HAS,
21 TOO, AS WELL, EXCELLENT WORK HABITS, IS PROACTIVE, SELF-
22 MOTIVATED, AND WELL LIKED. ALL RIGHT. [APPLAUSE]

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NEXT IS MICHAEL MOLLA WHO PROVIDES
25 TECHNICAL SUPPORT AS PART OF I.S.D.'S MANAGEMENT INFORMATION



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1 SYSTEMS. HIS PRIMARY ASSIGNMENT IS TO TROUBLESHOOT COMPUTER
2 PROBLEMS, INSTALL NEW SOFTWARE AND WORK WITH VENDORS ON
3 OPERATIONAL PROBLEMS AND REPAIRS. MICHAEL, YOU MUST BE BUSY.
4 MICHAEL HAS OUTSTANDING WORK HABITS WITH NO ABSENCES. HE TAKES
5 HIS PERSONAL INITIATIVE, HE'S VERY CONSCIENTIOUS AND TAKES
6 PRIDE IN HIS WORK. CONGRATULATIONS, MICHAEL. [APPLAUSE]

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NEXT IS HILDA RODRIGUEZ, WHO IS A CLERICAL
9 WORKER IN I.S.D.'S PURCHASING DIVISION, WHERE SHE IS THE
10 SECTION RECEPTIONIST AND WORKS ON THE AUTOMATED PROCUREMENT
11 SYSTEM. SHE ALSO COMPLETES VARIOUS TASKS FOR THE PROCUREMENT
12 ASSISTANT. SHE HAS SHOWN STRONG LEADERSHIP QUALITIES WITH GOOD
13 ORGANIZATIONAL AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS. CONGRATULATIONS TO
14 HILDA. [APPLAUSE]

15

16 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** FIRST I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD OF
17 SUPERVISORS FOR HONORING OUR GRADUATES TODAY. THEY'VE WORKED
18 AWFULLY HARD OVER THE LAST 12 MONTHS AND I KNOW THAT THEY
19 APPRECIATE THE RECOGNITION. I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK OUR PARTNER
20 DEPARTMENTS, FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN SERVICES AND
21 COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES WHO HELP US PULL OFF THE
22 PROGRAM. A SPECIAL THANKS TO JOHN HILL, HOPEFULLY, HE'S
23 LISTENING. EVERY YEAR, HE COMES OUT AND SPENDS WHAT I WOULD
24 CALL AN ABSOLUTELY INSPIRATIONAL DAY WITH THE KIDS AND IT
25 MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE. I'D LIKE TO THANK THE I.S.D. MENTORS



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1 AND SUPERVISORS WHO ARE IN THE OFFICE. SUPERVISORS WORK WITH
2 THEM ON A DAILY BASIS. THE MENTORS ARE HERE TODAY AND THEY
3 HAVE BEEN THERE EVERY DAY FOR THE KIDS OVER THE LAST 12
4 MONTHS. I'D LIKE TO THANK ALICE ESTRADA AND RICHARD BURNS
5 BEHIND ME FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO THE PROGRAM. THEY MAKE IT
6 WORK. AND, MOSTLY, I'D LIKE TO THANK THE FOUR YOUNG
7 OUTSTANDING ADULTS THAT ARE STANDING UP HERE TODAY. IF YOU
8 KNEW WHAT THEY OVERCAME AND WHAT THEY ACCOMPLISHED, YOU WOULD
9 BE AMAZED. THEY HAVE HEARTS OF LIONS. I WELCOME THEM TO THE
10 COUNTY FAMILY AND WISH THEM A LONG AND HAPPY CAREER WITH THE
11 COUNTY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NEXT, I'D LIKE TO ASK DR. CHARLES SOPHIE,
14 WHO IS HERE FOR DR. SANDERS, TO SAY A FEW WORDS FROM THE
15 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. DR. SOPHIE.

16

17 **DR. CHARLES SOPHIE:** THANK YOU. ON BEHALF OF THE L.A. COUNTY
18 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, I'D LIKE TO
19 CONGRATULATE YOU ON THIS WONDERFUL ACHIEVEMENT. I WOULD ALSO
20 LIKE TO THANK DAVE LAMBERTSON AND HIS STAFF AT THE INTERNAL
21 SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR MAKING THIS INNOVATIVE AND VALUABLE
22 PROGRAM AVAILABLE FOR OUR YOUTH; AS WELL AS CYNTHIA BANKS AND
23 HER STAFF AT COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES FOR THE ONGOING
24 SUPPORT THEY HAVE GIVEN TO THIS PROGRAM. AND ALSO A THANK YOU
25 TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR RECOGNIZING THIS EFFORT AND



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1 FOR ALWAYS KEEPING OUR EMANCIPATED FOSTER YOUTH IN MIND. THE
2 DEPARTMENT IS VERY PROUD OF THEM AND VERY PROUD TO BE
3 ASSOCIATED WITH THE YOUTH CAREER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. YOUR
4 DEDICATION TO COMPLETING THIS PROGRAM IS VERY IMPRESSIVE TO
5 US, AS WELL AS THE REFLECTION OF YOUR OUTSTANDING WORK ETHIC.
6 I AM SURE YOU WILL ALL BE ASSETS TO THE COUNTY WORKFORCE IN
7 ANY POSITIONS YOU CHOOSE TO PURSUE AND, ONCE AGAIN,
8 CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS. [APPLAUSE]

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AGAIN, CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THESE FOUR
11 RECIPIENTS AND JUST TO LET YOU KNOW, THEY NOT ONLY COMPLETED
12 THIS CHALLENGING TRAINING PROGRAM BUT HAVE BEEN OFFERED
13 POSITIONS WITH I.S.D. AND ACCEPTED. SO WE WELCOME THEM TO THE
14 COUNTY FAMILY AND BEST OF LUCK. [APPLAUSE]

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 1999, I BROUGHT FORTH A MOTION TO CREATE A
17 LITERACY TASK FORCE WHOSE MISSION WAS TO DEVELOP A PROGRAM
18 WITH MEASURABLE PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES TO ADDRESS THE LITERACY
19 NEEDS OF STUDENTS AT RISK. WITH THE SUPPORT OF MY COLLEAGUES
20 AND MANAGEMENT PROVIDED BY OUR PROBATION DEPARTMENT,
21 ASSISTANCE BY D.C.F.S., AS WELL AS THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
22 OFFICE OF EDUCATION, OUR LIBRARIES, OPERATION READ HAS BECOME
23 A THRIVING AFTER SCHOOL SUPPLEMENT READING PROGRAM. I'M GOING
24 TO CALL UP ON THE STAGE THE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FOLLOWING
25 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS WHO HAVE GREATLY CONTRIBUTED TO



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1 THE SUCCESS OF OPERATION READ. THE CHINATOWN SERVICE CENTER,
2 PEOPLE WHO CARE, NEW DIRECTIONS FOR YOUTH, THE WATTS LABOR
3 COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE, HELP LINE YOUTH COUNSELING AND THE
4 ASIAN YOUTH CENTER. THESE NONPROFIT, COMMUNITY-BASED
5 ORGANIZATIONS HAVE EACH WORKED EACH VERY HARD TO IMPROVE THE
6 LITERACY RATES OF OUR COUNTY'S PROBATION YOUTH BY PROVIDING
7 AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING FACILITIES. IT'S BECAUSE OF THESE
8 PARTNERSHIPS AND THE ASSISTANCE OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS OF
9 OPERATION READ THAT HAS HELPED TO IMPROVE OVER 7,000 STUDENT
10 READING SCORES BY AN AVERAGE OF TWO WHOLE GRADE LEVELS.
11 EARLIER TODAY, OR THIS MORNING, WE HAD A LITTLE RECEPTION
12 UPSTAIRS AND WE PRESENTED SCROLLS TO SOME INDIVIDUAL
13 RECIPIENTS WHO ARE PRODUCTS OF OUR OPERATION READ PROGRAM AND
14 I BELIEVE THEY'RE OUT THERE. I'M GOING TO ASK THEM TO STAND
15 AND LET'S GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR ALL THEIR
16 EFFORTS. THEY'RE OUTSTANDING. [APPLAUSE]

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NOW YOU'RE SMILING. WE TRIED TO GET HIM TO
19 SMILE IN SOME OF THOSE PICTURES UP THERE BUT--
20 CONGRATULATIONS. FIRST OF ALL, I'D LIKE TO PRESENT TO THE
21 CHINATOWN SERVICE CENTER. THIS ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN INVOLVED
22 WITH OUR PROGRAM FOR OVER FOUR YEARS AND I'M GOING TO PRESENT
23 THIS TO VICKY WONG, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. VICKY? [APPLAUSE
24]

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT IS PEOPLE WHO CARE. THIS
2 AGENCY, AS WELL, HAS BEEN INVOLVED FOR OVER FOUR YEARS, WHILE
3 WORKING WITH OUR PROBATION YOUTH, AND I'M GOING TO PRESENT
4 THIS TO CONNIE WATSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. [APPLAUSE]

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IT'S UNIQUE, MAKING THESE PRESENTATIONS
7 DURING THESE BUDGET TIMES. THERE'S LITTLE WHISPERS IN MY HERE,
8 "THIS MEANS WE STILL GET FUNDED, RIGHT?" ANYWAY, YES. [
9 APPLAUSE]

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUBJECT TO DISCUSSION. ANYWAY... NEXT IS
12 NEW DIRECTIONS FOR YOUTH. AGAIN, THEY'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN THIS
13 DEVELOPMENT OF STUDENT LITERACY AND OPERATION READ FOR OVER
14 FOUR YEARS AND I'M GOING TO ASK TIM BROWN, THE PROGRAM
15 COORDINATOR, TO COME FORWARD. [APPLAUSE]

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WATTS LABOR COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE.
18 THEY'VE BEEN A PARTNER OF OURS FOR SOME TWO YEARS AND I'M
19 GOING TO PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO MONTY HARRIS, WHO WAS THE
20 COORDINATOR. MONTY? [APPLAUSE]

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** HELP LINE YOUTH COUNSELING, THEY'VE BEEN
23 INVOLVED IN OUR PROGRAM FOR A YEAR NOW AND I PRESENT IT TO
24 JEFF FARBER, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. [APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THAT'S FIVE WHISPERS NOW. NEXT IS THE ASIAN
2 YOUTH CENTER, AND THEY'VE BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE PROGRAM, AS
3 WELL, FOR A YEAR, AND MARY CHO, I'M GOING TO PRESENT THE
4 SCROLL TO MARY, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. [APPLAUSE]

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** LET'S GIVE THEM ALL A BIG ROUND OF
7 APPLAUSE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WE COULDN'T DO THIS PROGRAM WITHOUT THESE
10 FOLKS AND WE REALLY APPRECIATE THEIR INVOLVEMENT AND IT'S BEEN
11 A VERY, VERY SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM. AND SO, TO OUR RECIPIENTS AS
12 WELL, CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU BECAUSE I KNOW IT WAS A
13 BIG EFFORT FOR ALL OF YOU AND, AS WE SAID UPSTAIRS, YOU CAN'T
14 GET THE MOST BASIC JOB IN THE WORLD IF YOU CAN'T READ. AND SO
15 WE APPLAUD YOUR EFFORT. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IT'S TIME TO HONOR AN
20 INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS SERVED OUR COUNTY WITH A GREAT DEAL OF
21 DISTINCTION, FROM BEING A CITY MANAGER FOR ONE OF OUR CITIES
22 BACK IN THE '50S TO SERVING WITH DISTINCTION AS A MAYOR AND
23 CITY COUNCILMAN FOR THE CITY OF PASADENA FOR A NUMBER OF
24 YEARS, AND THEN SERVING AS MY APPOINTEE TO THE ECONOMY
25 EFFICIENCY COMMISSION FOR THE PAST NINE YEARS AND THAT'S THE



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1 HONORABLE JOHN CROWLEY. HE'S HERE WITH HIS WIFE, BARBARA, AND
2 HIS SON, ELLIOTT, AND DAUGHTER, SYLVIA. JOHN IS STEPPING DOWN
3 AS OUR COMMISSIONER, AS MY APPOINTEE TO THE COUNTY'S CITIZEN
4 ECONOMY EFFICIENCY COMMISSION AND WE REALLY APPRECIATE ALL OF
5 HIS LEADERSHIP WITHIN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AS I SAID, HE
6 SERVED AS A COUNCIL MEMBER, HE SERVED AS A MAYOR, AND HE ALSO
7 SERVED AS THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR THE SOUTHERN
8 CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNANCE AND AS PRESIDENT OF THE
9 VENTURA TOWNHOUSE, INCORPORATED SINCE 1964. BUT JOHN HAS HAD A
10 GREAT CAREER, WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING HIM INVOLVED IN OUR
11 COMMUNITIES, AND HE'S OUT THERE EVERY JANUARY 1ST FOR THE
12 WONDERFUL TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE AS WELL. AND WE JUST
13 APPRECIATE YOUR FRIENDSHIP AND YOUR LOYALTY AND YOUR
14 DEDICATION TO OUR COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU. GOD BLESS YOU. [
15 APPLAUSE]

16

17 **HONORABLE JOHN CROWLEY:** I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF
18 SUPERVISORS, ESPECIALLY MIKE ANTONOVICH FOR THIS RECOGNITION
19 AND THIS HONOR. IT IS REFRESHING TO COME AND WATCH THE NUMBER
20 OF PEOPLE WHO QUALIFY AS MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. THE MEMBERS OF
21 THE PUBLIC ARE CROWDING THIS ROOM THIS MORNING. I THINK I'D
22 LIKE TO RENEW MY MEMBERSHIP. AND THANK YOU VERY KINDLY. [
23 APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE ONE OF OUR
2 OUTSTANDING MEMBERS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S
3 DEPARTMENT WHO IS RETIRING AFTER 34 YEARS OF SERVICE AND
4 THAT'S CHIEF MICHAEL NAGAOKA. HIS CAREER WITH THE SHERIFF'S
5 DEPARTMENT BEGAN BACK IN 1970 AS A DEPUTY SHERIFF TRAINEE. IN
6 1975, HE WAS PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF SERGEANT AND THEN HE HELD
7 SUPERVISORIAL POSITIONS AT FIRESTONE STATION AND THE SHERIFF'S
8 INFORMATION BUREAU. HE WAS PROMOTED TO LIEUTENANT IN 1981 AND
9 CAPTAIN IN 1988 AND COMMANDED THE RECRUIT TRAINING BUREAU
10 INDUSTRY STATION AND SHERIFF'S HEADQUARTERS BUREAU. UPON HIS
11 PROMOTION TO COMMANDER IN 1997, HE WAS ASSIGNED TO FIELD
12 OPERATIONS REGION AT HEADQUARTERS WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR
13 PATROL OPERATIONS IN THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AREA AND THE
14 CRISIS NEGOTIATIONS AND MENTAL EVALUATIONS TEAMS. AS CHIEF, HE
15 ASSUMED THE COMMAND OF THE DEPARTMENT'S FIELD OPERATIONS,
16 REGION 2 HEADQUARTERS, OVERSEEING THE OPERATIONS OF SAFE
17 STREETS, BUREAU OF TRANSIT SERVICES, AND THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
18 BUREAU AS WELL AS CARSON, CENTURY, COMPTON, WEST HOLLYWOOD,
19 LENNOX, MARINA DEL REY AND THE LOMITA STATIONS. HE HOLDS HIS
20 BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY OF LOS
21 ANGELES AND A MASTER'S DEGREE FROM PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY AND A
22 MASTER'S DEGREE IN MANAGEMENT FROM REDLANDS UNIVERSITY. SO,
23 MICHAEL, ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY, WE'RE GOING TO MISS YOU BUT
24 WE APPRECIATED YOUR LEADERSHIP AND WE KNOW THAT MANY OF OUR
25 DEPUTIES WERE TRAINED BY YOU WHEN YOU WERE IN CHARGE OF THEIR



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1 TRAINING, MAKING THEM GO THROUGH ALL THE VARIOUS EXERCISES.

2 BUT THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU. [APPLAUSE]

3

4 **CHIEF MICHAEL NAGAOKA:** I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD ON BEING

5 RECOGNIZED AFTER 34 YEARS WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY

6 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUT I'M THE ONE THAT SHOULD BE THANKING

7 THIS COUNTY FOR ALLOWING ME TO BE PART OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT

8 FAMILY WITHIN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. YOU HAVE A GREAT, GREAT LAW

9 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY BUT, MORE IMPORTANTLY, YOU LIVE IN A GREAT

10 COUNTY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE LAST 34 YEARS. [APPLAUSE

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12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** CHIEF NAGAOKA, I WOULD JUST ADD, YOU KNOW,

14 OVER THE YEARS, WE'VE WORKED VERY CLOSELY FROM YOUR DIFFERENT

15 ASSIGNMENTS AND WANT TO THANK YOU PERSONALLY FOR WILLINGNESS

16 TO WORK WITH EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US AND MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES

17 SAFER.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW, WE WOULD LIKE TO, AND PERHAPS SUPERVISOR

20 BURKE COULD JOIN ME, WITH ONE OF OUR HONOREES. THOSE ARE TWO

21 INDIVIDUAL OUTSTANDING ATHLETES WHO WERE NAMED TO PARADE

22 MAGAZINE'S ALL-AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM. THOMAS

23 HARRINGTON FROM FREEMONT HIGH SCHOOL IN LOS ANGELES AND NATHAN

24 LONGSHORE FROM CANYON HIGH SCHOOL IN CANYON COUNTRY. THOMAS

25 HARRINGTON NEVER PLAYED POP WARNER FOOTBALL BECAUSE HIS SIZE



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1 EXCEEDED THE WEIGHT LIMITS FOR HIS AGE GROUP. HE INITIALLY
2 GAINED RECOGNITION AS A BASKETBALL PLAYER, NICKNAMED BABY
3 SHAQ, FOR HIS RESEMBLANCE IN SIZE AND SKILLS TO OUR GREAT
4 LAKERS' CENTER. AFTER ENTERING FREEMONT AS A BASKETBALL
5 PLAYER, WHERE HE LETTERED FOR THREE YEARS, THE FOOTBALL STAFF
6 NOTICED HIS SIZE AND DECLARED "MUST HAVE". THE RESULT HAS BEEN
7 AN ASTOUNDING HIGH SCHOOL CAREER THAT LANDED HIM VARIOUS
8 NATIONAL HONORS AND A FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP TO THE UNIVERSITY
9 OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. THIS SEASON, THOMAS HAS KICKED-- HAS
10 HAD 67 TACKLES, 15 SACKS, TWO INTERCEPTIONS, SIX FUMBLE
11 RECOVERIES, SIX PASS KNOCKDOWNS AND TWO TOUCHDOWNS ON DEFENSE.
12 HE ALSO CONTRIBUTED TO THE OFFENSE WITH 35 RECEPTIONS FOR 347
13 YARDS AND FOUR TOUCHDOWNS. NATHAN LONGSHORE HAS PLAYED VARSITY
14 BASKETBALL AND FOOTBALL FOR THREE YEARS AT CANYON HIGH SCHOOL
15 IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. HE'S RECEIVED NUMEROUS AWARDS IN
16 BOTH SPORTS. HE'S BROKEN NINE OF THE 10 FOOTBALL PASSING
17 RECORDS AT CANYON HIGH SCHOOL AND WAS RECENTLY NAMED THE
18 SCHOOL'S 2004 ATHLETE OF THE YEAR. AS A SENIOR, HE WAS CHOSEN
19 BY E.A. SPORTS AND C-SPAN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ELITE 11
20 QUARTERBACK CAMP WHICH HIGHLIGHTS THE NATION'S TOP 11
21 QUARTERBACK COLLEGE PROSPECTS. THIS SEASON, HE HAD A 62%
22 COMPLETION RATE, COMPLETING 207 RECEPTIONS AND 335 ATTEMPTS
23 FOR 3,684 YARDS AND 39 TOUCHDOWNS. HE'S ALSO A FOUR-YEAR
24 SEMINARY GRADUATE OF THE CHURCH OF LATTER DAY, CHRIST OF
25 LATTER DAY SAINTS AND AN EAGLE SCOUT CANDIDATE WITH THE BOY



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1 SCOUTS OF AMERICA. HE HAS ACCEPTED FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIPS TO
2 THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY, WHERE HE WILL ATTEND
3 SCHOOL THIS FALL AND CONTINUE HIS FOOTBALL CAREER. SO, FIRST,
4 TOM, CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HAVE A LITTLE MERCY ON U.C.L.A. WHEN YOU
7 PLAY THEM THIS OCTOBER.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND NATE LONGSHORE, WHO IS HERE WITH HIS
10 PARENTS, TODD AND DIANE, HIS BROTHER, BEN, AND HIS
11 GRANDMOTHER, MARGARET WORE. [APPLAUSE] [APPLAUSE]

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13 **TOM HARRINGTON:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. RIGHT
14 HERE TO MY RIGHT, THIS IS MY COACH, JOHN WASHINGTON, AND
15 ASSISTANT ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, JACK RUTH. AND I WANT TO THANK
16 YOU FOR THIS AWARD. [APPLAUSE]

17

18 **NATHAN LONGSHORE:** IT'S AN HONOR TO BE HERE. I'M HERE WITH MY
19 SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, MR. BOB MECINA, AND MY FATHER, TODD
20 LONGSHORE, AND GRANDMA WORE AND MY MOM AND MY LITTLE BROTHER.
21 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU SAY "YES" TO
24 BROCCOLI. [LAUGHTER]

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** FLORA BELLE IS ON HER WAY AND WE CAN DO HER
2 WHEN SHE ARRIVES FROM THE VALLEY, BUT LET ME JUST BRING OUT
3 RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE A LITTLE DOMESTIC SHORT HAIR, EIGHT-WEEK-
4 OLD TOMMY, WHO IS GRAY AND WHITE, AND HE'S LOOKING FOR A HOME.
5 THIS IS TOMMY. ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT
6 TOMMY OR ANYBODY AT HOME WATCHING ON TELEVISION, TOMMY WOULD
7 MAKE A GOOD ADDITION. YOU CAN CALL AREA CODE (562) 728-4644,
8 OR-- OKAY, DO YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING?

9

10 **MALE VOICE:** OVER HERE!

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, JUST GO ON THE
13 SIDE AND TOMMY HAS A LOT OF LITTLE COUSINS OUT THERE AS WELL
14 WHO ARE LOOKING FOR A HOME. [LAUGHTER]

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NEVER MIND.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN WE'LL WAIT FOR MISS REECE.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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22 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I'M PLEASED THIS MORNING
23 TO CONGRATULATE THE BRAVO AWARD WINNING SCHOOL FROM OUR FIRST
24 DISTRICT. BECAUSE OF AN URGENT SCHOOL MATTER, PRINCIPAL BETH
25 BYTHROW FROM MULTNOMAH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WASN'T ABLE TO JOIN



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1 US WHEN WE CELEBRATED AND MADE AWARDS TO THE OTHER BRAVO AWARD
2 WINNERS. BETH'S ABSENCE THAT DAY, OF COURSE DEMONSTRATES HER
3 DEEP COMMITMENT TO HER STUDENTS, AS SHE HAD WORK TO DO. BUT,
4 THROUGH HER LEADERSHIP, EVERY STUDENT AT MULTNOMAH HAS HAD THE
5 OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE AN EARLY EDUCATION WHICH INCLUDES AN
6 ART CURRICULUM. DUE TO THE DEDICATION OF BETH AND OTHER BRAVO
7 AWARD WINNERS, THE FINALIST, THOUSANDS OF STUDENT THROUGHOUT
8 L.A. COUNTY ARE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE EDUCATION
9 THROUGH THE ARTS. AND, THANKS TO THE MUSIC CENTER, WHO WAS
10 HERE THE LAST TIME, ON ALL THE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN A
11 PART OF MAKING THESE BRAVO AWARDS AS PRESTIGIOUS AN AWARD AS
12 IT IS. WE'RE ABLE TO RECOGNIZE THESE HIGH CALIBER EDUCATORS
13 WHO TAKE THE TIME AND HAVE THE COMMITMENT TO ARTS AND
14 EDUCATION, WHICH IS A TOUGH THING TO DO NOWADAYS, BUT VERY
15 IMPORTANT TO THE WELLBEING OF OUR STUDENTS. MULTNOMAH
16 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, WHICH IS LOCATED IN THE FIRST DISTRICT IN
17 EL CERRITO, WAS SELECTED BY THE MUSIC CENTERS' EDUCATION
18 DIVISION FOR THE 2004 BRAVO SCHOOL AWARD WINNER FOR EXCELLENCE
19 IN THE FIELD OF ART EDUCATION. SO IT'S MY PLEASURE THAT, ON
20 BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO
21 MULTNOMAH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, BETH BYTHROW. SHE HAS A QUOTE
22 THAT SAYS, "ART MATTERS AT MULTNOMAH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL". HER
23 STUDENTS ARE TRULY FORTUNATE TO HAVE HER. WE WANT TO EXTEND
24 OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO HER AND THE CURRICULUM AS WELL AS ALL
25 THE TEACHERS AT THE SCHOOL FOR MAKING US SO VERY PROUD. SO, ON



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1 BEHALF OF THE BOARD, BETH, WE WE CONGRATULATE YOU AND WE THANK
2 YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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4 **BETH BYTHROW:** FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU, MS. MOLINA. AND, YOU
5 KNOW, THANK YOU ALL OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND WE REALLY
6 APPRECIATE YOUR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE MUSIC CENTER. IT'S A VERY
7 SPECIAL LITTLE AWARD. THERE ARE, REALLY, NOT TOO MANY OF THESE
8 AWARDS WHERE SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS ARE OVERTLY AND
9 AUTHENTICALLY APPRECIATED AND SO THIS GOES A LONG WAY WITH THE
10 TEACHERS AND THE PARENTS AND THE STUDENTS AT MY SCHOOL. EVEN
11 THE PROCESS OF JUST APPLYING FOR THIS BRAVO AWARD, TO BE A
12 COMPETITOR, IT REALLY BROUGHT A POSITIVE EFFECT ON OUR
13 INSTRUCTIONAL CULTURE OF OUR SCHOOL. FINALLY, AS I TOLD THE
14 JUDGES WHEN THEY CAME FOR THE VISIT, I SAID, "YOU KNOW,
15 MULTNOMAH IS A VERY SPECIAL PLACE TO LEARN. IT'S A PLACE WHERE
16 ART MATTERS". WE HAVE A LOT OF CHALLENGES. WE HAVE NO
17 AUDITORIUM, WE HAVE NO THEATER, WE HAVE NO MULTIPURPOSE CENTER
18 OR EVEN WHAT THEY CALL A CAFETORIUM BUT YOU KNOW WHAT? ART
19 MATTERS TO THE STUDENTS, IT MATTERS TO THE PARENTS, IT MATTERS
20 TO THE TEACHERS, AND IT REALLY MATTERS TO ME. SO THANK YOU
21 VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** BEFORE WE GO INTO THE REGULAR AGENDA, AS
24 WAS MENTIONED EARLIER, AS WE HAD A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR
25 PRESIDENT REAGAN, I'M GOING TO ASK THE OTHER MEMBERS TO



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1 COMMENT AS WELL WITH THEIR ADJOURNMENTS BUT TO MOVE THAT WE
2 JOURNEY IN MEMORY OF PRESIDENT RONALD WILSON REAGAN, THE
3 HOLLYWOOD ACTOR WHO BECAME ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR PRESIDENTS
4 OF THE 20TH CENTURY AND TRANSFORMED THE POLITICAL LANDSCAPE OF
5 AN ERA WITH HIS VISION OF NOT ONLY CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT BUT
6 COMPASSION VISION. HE PASSED AWAY THIS SATURDAY, AS WE ALL
7 KNOW, IN THE BEL AIR NEIGHBORHOOD OF LOS ANGELES. HE WAS 93
8 YEARS YOUNG. MANY THINGS MAY BE SAID ABOUT THE PRESIDENT BUT
9 PART OF HIS GIFT WAS HIS ABILITY TO MAKE AMERICANS, SHAKEN BY
10 THE VIETNAM WAR AND THE SCANDAL OF WATERGATE, FEEL GOOD ABOUT
11 THEMSELVES. HIS OPTIMISM WAS REAL AND UNYIELDING. HE PULLED
12 AMERICA FROM A DARK TIME AND MADE US ALL BELIEVE IN OURSELVES
13 AND OUR NATION. REAGAN HAD SAID THAT WE ARE THE SHOWCASE OF
14 THE FUTURE AND IT IS WITHIN OUR POWER TO MOLD THAT FUTURE,
15 THIS YEAR AND FOR DECADES TO COME. IT CAN BE AS GRAND AND AS
16 GREAT AS WE MAKE IT, NO CRISIS BEYOND THE CAPACITY OF OUR
17 PEOPLE TO SOLVE, NO CHALLENGE TOO GREAT. SO I THINK IT'S ONLY
18 APPROPRIATE THAT, AS EACH OF US MOURNS THE LOSS OF PRESIDENT
19 REAGAN, WE REMEMBER HIS WORDS ABOUT HIS LEGACY AND WITH HIS
20 REMARKS TO THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION IN 1992,
21 "WHATEVER ELSE HISTORY MAY SAY ABOUT ME WHEN I'M GONE, I HOPE
22 IT WILL RECORD THAT I APPEALED TO YOUR BEST HOPES, NOT YOUR
23 WORST FEARS, TO YOUR CONFIDENCE RATHER THAN YOUR DOUBTS. MY
24 DREAM IS THAT YOU WILL TRAVEL THE ROAD AHEAD WITH LIBERTY'S
25 LAMP GUIDING YOUR STEPS AND OPPORTUNITY'S ARM STEADYING YOUR



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1 WAY." OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH HIS WIFE, NANCY, AND
2 THE ENTIRE REAGAN FAMILY. A GRATEFUL NATION MOURNS HIS LOSS. I
3 WOULD ASK THE OTHER MEMBERS TO JOIN IN AT THIS PARTICULAR
4 MOMENT.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I WOULD JUST ADD MY OWN
7 PERSONAL THOUGHTS. PRESIDENT REAGAN WAS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, A
8 CONSTITUENT OF MINE, AND PROBABLY THE MOST PROMINENT
9 CONSTITUENT IN OUR DISTRICT AND I REPRESENTED HIM BOTH AS A
10 CITY COUNCILMAN AND AS A SUPERVISOR. I HAD THE GREAT
11 PRIVILEGE, ABOUT 11 YEARS AGO, OF PLAYING A ROUND OF GOLF WITH
12 HIM AND MAYOR RIORDAN. SIX HOURS WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN AND
13 JUST A HANDFUL OF PEOPLE AND IT WAS AN EXPERIENCE I WILL NEVER
14 FORGET. OBVIOUSLY, HE WAS OF ANOTHER PARTY BUT HE WAS BIGGER
15 THAN A PERSON OF PARTY. HE WAS, AS PRESIDENT CLINTON CALLED
16 HIM, AN AMERICAN ORIGINAL. AND YOU COULDN'T HELP BUT BE MOVED
17 AND IMPRESSED BY HIM WHEN YOU WERE IN HIS PRESENCE. I THINK
18 ALL OF US HAVE HEARD HIM SPEAK MANY TIMES, BOTH TO LARGE
19 AUDIENCES AND TO SMALL, AND I THINK THAT HIS LEGACY WILL BE,
20 YEARS FROM NOW, AS IT ALREADY IS, IS THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE OF
21 HIS POLITICAL PERSUASION THAT HE BROUGHT IN TO PUBLIC SERVICE.
22 AND TODAY, IF YOU WALKED THE HALLS OF CONGRESS, SO MANY OF THE
23 LEADERSHIP OF THE CONGRESS ARE PEOPLE WHO WERE BROUGHT IN BY
24 PRESIDENT REAGAN, WORKED IN HIS ADMINISTRATION AND WERE MOVED,
25 AS SO MANY OF OUR GENERATION WAS MOVED BY PRESIDENT KENNEDY.



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1 SO I THINK HE'S A GREAT AMERICAN FIGURE AND HE'S-- THE FOCUS
2 OF ATTENTION AND THE QUALITY OF ATTENTION HE'S RECEIVING, HE
3 IS WORTHY OF, AND I JOIN IN YOUR MOTION OF ADJOURNMENT.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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7 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, I CERTAINLY JOIN. I HAD THE HONOR AND
8 PLEASURE TO HAVE SERVED IN THE LEGISLATURE. I WAS BORN AT THE
9 SAME TIME HE WAS SWORN IN AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF
10 CALIFORNIA, WORKED WITH HIM OVER THOSE SIX YEARS, AND I'M SURE
11 THEY WERE TIMES THAT WE DISAGREED BUT THERE WERE MANY TIMES WE
12 DID AGREE. HE SIGNED A LOT OF MY BILLS AND I WAS VERY PLEASED
13 TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET TO KNOW HIM, TO GET TO KNOW HIS
14 WIFE, TO BE THE BENEFICIARY OF THE HOSPITALITY THAT THEY
15 BESTOWED IN THEIR HOME AND OPENED UP TO SO MANY OF US. BUT
16 MOST OF ALL, I CERTAINLY APPRECIATED HIS LEADERSHIP AND, AS
17 I'VE SHARED THE SAME STORY SO MANY TIMES, WHEN THERE WAS A
18 BUDGET CRISIS IN SACRAMENTO, WHEN HE WAS CAUGHT IN A BUDGET
19 CRISIS, HE KNEW HOW TO DEAL WITH IT, AND HE BROUGHT PEOPLE IN
20 THAT OFFICE, EVEN IF IT WAS 1:00 IN THE MORNING, AND, WHEN
21 THEY WALKED OUT, THEY GAVE THE VOTE BECAUSE HE KNEW HOW TO
22 REALLY BE ABLE TO MOVE GOVERNMENT FORWARD AND HE TOOK A VERY
23 AGGRESSIVE STAND WHEN AN AGGRESSIVE STAND WAS NECESSARY. BUT,
24 MOST OF ALL, HE CERTAINLY WAS A PERSON WHO WAS LIKED BY
25 EVERYONE IN TERMS OF HIS PERSONALITY AND HIS ABILITY TO



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1 COMMUNICATE WITH PEOPLE. HE WILL BE SORELY MISSED. I CERTAINLY
2 WANT TO PASS ON TO MICHAEL AND TO HIS FAMILY, I CERTAINLY AM
3 VERY SAD THAT MAUREEN IS NOT HERE WITH US AT THIS TIME BUT, TO
4 HIS WIFE AND TO HIS FAMILY, OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND OUR
5 PRAYERS.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, RONALD REAGAN WAS A CLOSE FRIEND AND A
10 SUPPORTER AND ROLE MODEL WHO BROUGHT HOPE AND RESPECT AND
11 DIGNITY AND PRINCIPLE TO THE STATE HOUSE AND THE WHITE HOUSE.
12 AND TO HIS LEADERSHIP AND WITH THE EFFORTS OF MARGARET
13 THATCHER, WHO WAS THEN PRIME MINISTER, AND POPE JOHN PAUL II,
14 THEY WERE ABLE TO HAVE A MORAL FORCE THAT LED TO THE OPENING
15 OF THE EASTERN EUROPE TO FREEDOM AND THE DESTRUCTION OF
16 COMMUNISM, WHERE THE HAMMER AND SICKLE JOINED THE SWASTIKA ON
17 THE JUNK PILE OF HISTORY. ALL AMERICANS AND ALL FREE PEOPLES
18 ACROSS THE GLOBE ARE THE HEIRS TO A PRECIOUS LEGACY OF
19 FREEDOM, DIGNITY, AND RESPECT. RON WAS VERY GRACEFUL, HUMBLE,
20 AND A TRUE PATRIOT. DURING HIS SUCCESSFUL DAYS AS AN ACTOR,
21 THEN AS PRESIDENT OF THE SCREEN ACTORS GUILD AND THEN AS
22 GOVERNOR AND THEN PRESIDENT, HE HELPED LEAD TO US PROSPERITY
23 AND VICTORY IN THE COLD WAR AND THEN, IN HIS LAST DAYS, THE
24 LAST 10 YEARS, WHEN HE ACKNOWLEDGED THE ILLNESS THAT OVERCAME
25 HIM, HE NEVER LOST HIS COMMON TOUCH. HIS FRIENDSHIP AND



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1 ENCOURAGEMENT HAVE BEEN VERY PERSONAL GIFTS THAT I TREASURE.
2 HE HELPED LAUNCH MY CAREER AS SUPERVISOR BACK IN 1979 WHEN WE
3 DID THE KICKOFF RUNNING FOR SUPERVISOR AND, AT THE EVENT,
4 WHICH WAS VERY MOVING, HE TOOK FROM THE PRESS, THEY HAD A
5 GREAT PRESS CORPS THERE, FOR ABOUT 45 MINUTES, EVERY QUESTION,
6 ANY QUESTION FROM THE PRESS OR THE AUDIENCE DEALING WITH
7 FOREIGN POLICY, DOMESTIC POLICY, ALL VARIOUS ISSUES, AND
8 ANSWERED THEM IN DEPTH. PEOPLE WALKED AWAY JUST IN AWE. HE-- I
9 HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OF SERVING WITH HIM WHEN HE WAS PRESIDENT,
10 I SHOULD SAY AS GOVERNOR, AND THE FIRST BILL THAT I HAD
11 AUTHORED THAT HE SIGNED INTO LAW IS QUITE IRONIC, CONSIDERING
12 TODAY'S ACTIONS THAT WE'LL BE TAKING, AND THAT WAS THE DAY OF
13 REMEMBRANCE THAT WE HAD DONE FOR PRESIDENT LYNDON JOHNSON. AND
14 HE HAD SIGNED THE LEGISLATION WHICH ALLOWED THE SCHOOL
15 DISTRICTS THERE WHO HAD CLOSED THE SCHOOLS, THEIR A.D.A. FOR
16 THAT DAY. AND I HAVE THAT PICTURE IN MY OFFICE, ALONG WITH A
17 FEW OTHERS, BUT THEN HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OF BEING HIS
18 REPRESENTATIVE TO THE 1976 REPUBLICAN PLATFORM COMMITTEE TO
19 HELP WRITE AND DRAFT THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM AT THAT TIME. AND
20 THEN HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE AS PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTEE ON
21 COMMISSIONS AND DEALING WITH POLICY ISSUES FROM FREE TRADE FOR
22 THE FAR EAST TO ELIMINATING GOVERNMENT WASTE AND HELPING TO
23 SELECT WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS WHO WORK IN THE WHITE HOUSE. BUT
24 ONE OF THE BIG ISSUES THAT HE DOES NOT GET MUCH CREDIT FOR IS
25 THAT, WHEN I WAS ELECTED, WE HAD OLIVEVIEW HOSPITAL THAT HAD



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1 BEEN A RUSTED OLD SILHOUETTE FROM THE 1971 SYLMAR EARTHQUAKE
2 AND, THROUGH WORKING WITH THE PRESIDENT AND HIS AIDE, COLONEL
3 GARRETT, WE WERE ABLE TO REBUILD THAT HOSPITAL. TODAY, THAT
4 HOSPITAL IS SERVING THE CONSTITUENTS OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY
5 AND SANTA CLARITA AND ANTELOPE VALLEYS AS WELL. BUT THE REASON
6 HE HAD A GREAT INTEREST THERE IS THAT HIS MOM, NELLY, WAS A
7 VOLUNTEER, AND, BECAUSE OF HER VOLUNTEERISM, THAT MOTIVATED
8 RON. AND, BACK IN 1990, I BELIEVE IT WAS '93, WE DEDICATED THE
9 NELLY REAGAN AWARD FOR THE OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER IN THE SAN
10 FERNANDO VALLEY AND HE AND NANCY WERE AT OLIVEVIEW FOR THIS
11 PRESENTATION. AND, EVERY YEAR WHEN WE HAVE THE FOUNDATION
12 DINNER FOR OLIVEVIEW HOSPITAL, A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY IS THERE
13 TO GIVE THE PRESENTATION TO THE RECIPIENT. BUT HE WAS A VERY
14 CARING, LOVING, OPTIMISTIC, VERY OPTIMISTIC BUT IT'S A TRIBUTE
15 AND I KNOW HE WOULD BE VERY HUMBLLED TO KNOW THAT PEOPLE TODAY
16 ARE SPENDING 10 HOURS IN LINE JUST TO WALK PAST HIS CASKET IN
17 RESPECT. I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO YESTERDAY AND IT WAS WITH
18 MY CHILDREN AND IT WAS QUITE-- IT WAS QUITE A MOVING
19 EXPERIENCE. BUT HE HAD THE ABILITY TO MOTIVATE, INSPIRE. ONE
20 OF THE TIMES WHEN THE PRISONERS OF WAR CAME BACK FROM VIETNAM,
21 WE HAD A PRIVATE LUNCH IN HIS OFFICE AND I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY
22 TO BE INVITED WITH THESE GREAT HEROES FROM VIETNAM. AND HE WAS
23 JUST A VERY GRACIOUS PERSON. AND SO OUR LOVE GOES TO NANCY,
24 WHO HAS DONE AN INCREDIBLE JOB HOLDING UP UNDER THIS TRAGEDY
25 OF ALZHEIMER'S AND LEADING EFFORTS TO HELP FIND EFFORTS TO



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1 CURE THAT, AND MICHAEL, PATTY, AND RON AND THEIR FAMILIES AND
2 HIS GRANDCHILDREN.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. MY OWN EXPERIENCE WITH THEN GOVERNOR
7 REAGAN IS THE PERSONALITY AND THE CHARM THAT THIS GENTLEMAN
8 HAD. BEFORE I WAS ELECTED, I WAS CALLED BY A T.V. STATION TO
9 PARTICIPATE IN A DEBATE, A DISCUSSION. AT THAT TIME, THERE WAS
10 AN INITIATIVE. ONE SIDE OF IT WAS SENATOR MORETTI AND THE
11 OTHER SIDE WAS THEN GOVERNOR REAGAN AND, OF COURSE, AT THAT
12 TIME IT WAS VERY INTIMIDATING, THE THOUGHT OF GOING ON T.V. TO
13 DISCUSS THIS INITIATIVE WITH BOTH OF THOSE GENTLEMEN. BUT, AT
14 THE SAME TIME, I FELT VERY FIRMLY ABOUT MY POSITION AND SO I
15 FELT THAT I WAS WELL PREPARED AND SO ON. WHEN THE GOVERNOR
16 CAME IN, GOVERNOR REAGAN WALKED IN, HE CAME IN AND SHOOK ALL
17 OF OUR HANDS AND SAT DOWN AND TALKED ABOUT WHAT HE REMEMBERED
18 ABOUT BEING IN THAT STUDIO WHEN HE HAD MADE A PARTICULAR MOVIE
19 AND TALKED AT LENGTH ABOUT IT, WHICH WAS VERY DISARMING, BUT
20 THEN HE WENT ON TO TALK ABOUT EACH OF US. HE'D KNOWN MY
21 BACKGROUND AND WHAT I WAS DOING AND HE ASKED ME A COUPLE OF
22 QUESTIONS AND SO I WAS TOTALLY DISARMED. BY THE TIME THAT I
23 GOT AROUND TO ASKING WHAT I THOUGHT WAS MY TOUGH QUESTION, I
24 WAS JUST A BALL OF JELLY. IT WAS JUST UNBELIEVABLE. AND I AM
25 SURE THAT IT IS THIS CHARMING PERSONALITY BESIDES HIS



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1 INSPIRATION, HIS MOTIVATION, AND HIS LEADERSHIP THAT HAS BEEN
2 PART OF WHAT GOES SO DEEP TO THE-- OUR AMERICAN PUBLIC. I
3 THINK THAT, DEEP IN THEIR HEART, HE HAS PENETRATED THROUGH. I
4 DISAGREED WITH HIM THEN ON HIS POSITION POLITICALLY AND
5 PROBABLY ON MANY OF HIS DECISIONS BUT I ADMIRER HIS POSITION
6 AND THE WAY HE CARRIED FORWARD AS PRESIDENT OF OUR COUNTRY
7 AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, THAT KIND OF CHARM IS WHAT I'M SURE
8 TOOK HIM THROUGH EVERY VERY, VERY TOUGH TANGLE BECAUSE HE WAS,
9 INDEED, A CHARMING GENTLEMAN. MY CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY AND
10 TO ALL OF US WHO WILL MISS HIS LEADERSHIP.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I WOULD JUST ADD MY OWN. AND
13 I THINK THIS SORT OF TYPIFIES ALL OF US UP HERE AND THOSE OF
14 US WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED, NO MATTER WHAT PARTY WE'VE BEEN IN,
15 OUR LIVES HAVE BEEN TOUCHED BY PRESIDENT REAGAN. MINE GOES WAY
16 BACK TO MY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL DAYS IN ILLINOIS. AS YOU KNOW,
17 PRESIDENT REAGAN WAS A GRADUATE OF EUREKA COLLEGE. THE PASTOR
18 OF OUR CHURCH WAS ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT EUREKA. AND WE
19 USED TO SAVE MONEY AND RAISE MONEY EACH YEAR TO GO ON TRIPS
20 TO, LIKE, THE SMOKEY MOUNTAINS OF NOVA SCOTIA BUT WE ALSO CAME
21 TO CALIFORNIA ABOUT EVERY THREE OR FOUR YEARS. AND THE ONE
22 TRIP THAT I WAS ABLE TO MAKE WITH OUR CHURCH YOUTH GROUP, THE
23 GENTLEMAN THAT CONDUCTED THE TOUR FOR US AT MOVIE STUDIOS WAS
24 RONALD REAGAN, THE ACTOR. FAST FORWARD, YEARS LATER AT THE
25 LAST MINUTE, WHEN I WAS MAYOR OF CERRITOS, MY WIFE AND I GOT



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1 INVITED TO A PARTY AT THE WHITE HOUSE. WE HAD TO THINK ABOUT
2 IT FOR TWO SECONDS. AND WE FLEW ALL NIGHT TO GET THERE. AND,
3 AS YOU GO AND FOR THOSE OF US THAT HAVE BEEN THERE BEFORE,
4 WHEN YOU GO, THERE'S ALWAYS A MILITARY PERSON STANDING NEXT TO
5 THE PRESIDENT, AND THIS GENTLEMAN SAYS, "MR. PRESIDENT, MAYOR
6 DON KNABE AND HIS WIFE, JULIE, FROM CERRITOS, CALIFORNIA." HE
7 THEN HE GOES, "MAYOR KNABE AND MRS. KNABE, THE PRESIDENT OF
8 THE UNITED STATES." IT'S ALWAYS THIS GUY WITH THIS GREAT VOICE
9 AND, YOU KNOW, LIKE, GOOSEBUMPS COME OUT. MY WIFE ALMOST
10 PASSED OUT. THE FIRST THING I SAID TO HIM, OTHER THAN IT WAS
11 AN HONOR TO MEET HIM, AND I SAID, "MR. PRESIDENT, WAY BACK
12 WHEN," AND I GO LIKE THIS, "WHEN I WAS A LITTLE KID, YOU USED
13 TO LEAD US ON TOURS OF THE MOVIE STUDIO WITH REVEREND HO", AND
14 HE LOOKED AT ME HE SAYS, "YES, I REMEMBER BUT, MR. MAYOR, LET
15 ME TELL YOU SOMETHING," AND I SAID, "WHAT?" AND THIS IS
16 TYPICAL REAGAN HUMOR, "YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO REMIND THE
17 PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES HOW OLD HE REALLY IS." [
18 LAUGHTER]

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO WE ALL HAVE OUR STORIES. BUT, ANYWAY, WE
21 ADJOURN IN THAT MEMORY AND THEN, ALSO, BEFORE WE BEGIN, AS
22 WELL, TOO, IN HONOR AND IN MEMORY, AS YOU KNOW, PRESIDENT
23 GEORGE W. BUSH, AND I'M ASKING COUNCIL TO FIND, OBVIOUSLY,
24 SINCE HIS PASSING WAS ON SATURDAY, HAS DECLARED FRIDAY, JUNE
25 11TH, A NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES.



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1 PRESIDENT BUSH HAS CALLED ON ALL AMERICAN PEOPLE TO ASSEMBLE
2 ON THAT DAY IN THEIR RESPECTIVE PLACES OF WORSHIP TO PAY
3 HOMAGE THE MEMORY OF PRESIDENT REAGAN. HE FURTHER INVITED THE
4 PEOPLE OF THE WORLD WHO SHARE OUR GRIEF TO JOIN IN THIS SOLEMN
5 OBSERBENCE. FEDERAL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON THIS FRIDAY.
6 GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER HAS ALSO ISSUED AN EXECUTIVE ORDER
7 DECLARING FRIDAY, JUNE 11TH, 2004, A DAY OF MOURNING IN
8 CALIFORNIA TO HONOR PRESIDENT REAGAN. THE GOVERNOR HAS CALLED
9 UPON THE PEOPLE OF CALIFORNIA TO OBSERVE THIS DAY OF MOURNING
10 AS WE PAY HOMAGE TO PRESIDENT REAGAN. STATE AGENCIES AND
11 OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED TO OBSERVE THIS DAY OF MOURNING. WE, AS
12 A BOARD, THEREFORE, MOVE IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE FEDERAL AND
13 STATE GOVERNMENTS THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY
14 OF LOS ANGELES, HOME TO PRESIDENT REAGAN, DECLARE FRIDAY, JUNE
15 11TH, 2004, A DAY OF MOURNING TO HONOR RONALD REAGAN AND
16 ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE LATE
17 PRESIDENT.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SECOND.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NON-EMERGENCY COUNTY OFFICES AND AGENCIES
22 SHALL BE CLOSED FOR THIS DAY OF MOURNING. BEEN MOVED AND
23 SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. TO NANCY AND THE
24 ENTIRE REAGAN FAMILY, GOD SPEED. [APPLAUSE] (RESOUNDING
25 APPLAUSE) [APPLAUSE CONTINUES]



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH, A VERY FITTING
3 TRIBUTE TO OUR GREAT PRESIDENT. MR. ANTONOVICH?

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, THIS MORNING, WE'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE A
6 REAL HERO, AND THIS IS FLORA REECE, WHO RECENTLY FULFILLED HER
7 DREAM OF FLYING THE P-38 AIRCRAFT. SHE WAS BORN IN OKLAHOMA
8 AND BEGAN TAKING FLYING LESSONS BEFORE SHE EVEN LEARNED HOW TO
9 DRIVE AN AUTOMOBILE. BUT, AFTER HIGH SCHOOL, SHE ENLISTED IN
10 THE WOMEN'S AIR FORCE SERVICE PILOTS. IN WORLD WAR II, SHE WAS
11 TRAINED TO FLY IN VARIOUS MILITARY AIRCRAFT, INCLUDING THE B-1
12 WING SERMAN, B-26 AND AN AT SIX TEXAN FIGHTER TRAINER. SHE
13 PERFORMED VITAL MILITARY MISSIONS STATEWIDE, HELPING TO
14 RELEASE THE MALE PILOTS TO FLY COMBAT MISSIONS OVERSEAS. WHILE
15 SERVING AS FOSTER FIELD IN TEXAS, SHE FELL IN LOVE WITH THE
16 VISITING P-38 AIRCRAFT, FLOWN BY THE NATION'S HIGHEST SCORING
17 ACE FIGHTER PILOT AND THAT WAS MAJOR DICK BONG. IN DECEMBER
18 1944, THE LAST-- THEY DISBANDED BEFORE SHE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY
19 TO TAKE UP THAT OPPORTUNITY TO FLY THE P-38. AFTER HER
20 MILITARY CAREER, SHE GOT MARRIED, HER HIGH SCHOOL SWEETHEART,
21 BECAME A MOTHER OF THREE AND SERVED AS A SCHOOLTEACHER AS WELL
22 AS A MISSIONARY OVERSEAS BUT SHE NEVER FORGOT THAT DREAM. SO
23 ON TUESDAY, APRIL 20TH OF THIS YEAR, FLORA REALIZED THAT DREAM
24 WHEN SHE HELPED MARK THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE P-38 AIRCRAFT
25 BY ACCOMPANYING PILOT RAY DICKERMAN ON A FLIGHT FROM PACINO TO



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1 BURBANK BOB HOPE AIRPORT. SHE IS AN ACTIVE MEMBER AND PAST
2 PRESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY CHAPTER OF THE 99S, THE
3 WORLD'S OLDEST AND LARGEST ORGANIZATION OF LICENSED WOMEN
4 PILOTS. SO, FLORA, ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, WE
5 WANT TO GIVE YOU THIS RECOGNITION, AND THERE'S A PICTURE OF
6 THE P-38 ON THERE, AND WE WISH YOU CONTINUED SUCCESS IN YOUR
7 FLYING. GOD BLESS YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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9 **FLORA REECE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IT WAS A MARVELOUS DAY. IT
10 WAS JUST GREAT FUN IN THE P-38 AND I JUST HAD ALWAYS DREAMED
11 OF BEING UP THERE AND IT HAD AN EXCELLENT PILOT AND I GOT TO
12 RIDE IN THE PIGGYBACK SEAT AND JUST LOVED IT. THANK YOU. [
13 APPLAUSE]

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND ALSO THE VICE- MAYOR OF LANCASTER-- AND
16 ALSO RETIRED FROM EDWARDS, HENRY HEARNS, THE VICE-MAYOR OF
17 LANCASTER IS HERE, TOO. [APPLAUSE]

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. OUR NORMAL PROCEDURE IS WE'LL MOVE
20 THROUGH, BY DISTRICT, ON SPECIALS AND ADJOURNMENTS, AND THEN
21 WE'LL GET TO THE ITEMS CALLED UP FOR THE AGENDA. JUST WE'VE
22 HAD SOME CELEBRATIONS AND SOME APPLAUSE THIS MORNING, BUT JUST
23 SORT OF A REVIEW THE WORKING RULES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
24 HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD ASK THAT
25 YOUR CELL PHONE AND, PAGERS BE TURNED TO EITHER OFF OR VIBRATE



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1 MODE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC WHO MAY BE TESTIFYING.
2 ALSO, THERE'S TO BE NO APPLAUSE, NO NAME-CALLING, NO BOOING,
3 NO HISSING, JUST BEING RESPECTFUL. I MEAN, THE THING THAT
4 WE'RE ALL HERE ABOUT TODAY AND I'M SURE IS OUR AMERICAN
5 PRINCIPLE AND THAT IS TO TREAT EACH OTHER WITH RESPECT. AND I
6 WOULD ASK THAT YOU ABIDE BY THAT, REGARDLESS OF WHAT YOUR
7 OPINION OR HOW IMPASSIONED YOU ARE ABOUT IT. IN THIS ROOM, WE
8 WOULD ASK FOR THAT DECORUM AND ASK FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND
9 COOPERATION. SO JUST BE RESPECTFUL OF ALL PEOPLE TESTIFYING
10 TODAY. SUPERVISOR BURKE, YOU'RE FIRST ON SPECIALS. DO YOU HAVE
11 ANY ADJOURNMENTS?

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13 **SUP. BURKE:** I HAVE NO ADJOURNMENTS AND I HAVE NO SPECIAL ITEMS
14 TODAY.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:**, MR. CHAIRMAN, I WANT TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN
19 TODAY, WHEN WE CONCLUDE OUR MEETING, IN THE MEMORY OF RICHARD
20 COLBURN, WHO WAS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT AND INFLUENTIAL
21 PEOPLE IN THE ARTS IN THIS COUNTY WHO DIED LAST WEEK...

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ...AT THE AGE OF, I THINK, 92 OR 93. DICK
2 COLBURN WAS A PATRON OF THE ARTS. HE WAS PARTICULARLY A PATRON
3 OF THE CLASSICAL MUSIC ARTS AND OF THE OPERA. REALLY ONE OF
4 THE LAST AND THE-- OF HIS KIND WHO TOOK HIS WEALTH AND POURED
5 IT INTO SOMETHING THAT HE WAS PASSIONATE ABOUT IN THE ARTS
6 AREA, IN CLASSICAL MUSIC ARTS AND THE OPERA. HE BUILT THE
7 COLBURN'S SCHOOL OF MUSIC RIGHT DOWN THE STREET FROM HERE,
8 ACROSS THE STREET FROM WALT DISNEY CONCERT HALL. EXPECT THERE
9 WILL BE BUILT, NEXT DOOR TO THAT, THE COLBURN CONSERVATORY OF
10 MUSIC, MAKING LOS ANGELES AND GRAND AVENUE THE CENTER FOR THE
11 CLASSICAL MUSIC ARTS, HOPEFULLY, IN THE COUNTRY, IF NOT IN THE
12 COUNTRY, CERTAINLY WEST OF THE HUDSON. AND IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF
13 ONE MAN'S VISION. HE WAS A FRIEND, A SUPPORTER OF THIS COUNTY
14 IN SO MANY WAYS, AND IT'S A GREAT, GREAT LOSS. AND WE ASK THAT
15 ALL OF US ADJOURN IN HIS MEMORY. THAT'S ALL I HAVE, MR.
16 CHAIRMAN.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED. DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ELSE? ANY
19 ITEMS YOU HELD? OKAY. I DON'T HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL ADJOURNMENTS
20 AND I-- SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, ANY ADJOURNMENTS BEFORE I CALL
21 UP...

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SURE. ONE OF THE GREAT LEADERS OF THE SAN
24 GABRIEL VALLEY, WARNER JENKINS, WHO WAS THE EDITORIAL
25 EXECUTIVE OF THE ALHAMBRA POST-ADVOCATE WHO PASSED AWAY ON



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1 JUNE 1ST AT THE AGE OF 90. HE WAS A WORLD WAR II VETERAN AND
2 HE BEGAN HIS CAREER WITH THE SOUTH BAY DAILY BREEZE AND LATER
3 SERVED AS MANAGING EDITOR FOR THE MARIN JOURNAL BEFORE JOINING
4 THE POST-ADVOCATE. THROUGHOUT HIS 40-YEAR CAREER, HE SERVED AS
5 MANAGING EDITOR, EDITOR AND PUBLISHER. HE ALSO WROTE THE
6 FAMOUS OFF THE CUFF COLUMN. THROUGH HIS CAREER, HE INTERVIEWED
7 ELEANOR ROOSEVELT, RONALD REAGAN, AMELIA EARHART, AMONG MANY
8 OTHERS. HE ALSO SERVED AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE ALHAMBRA
9 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THE EL HAMBRA CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT
10 ASSOCIATION, AND THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF EL HAMBRA. HE IS
11 SURVIVED BY HIS THREE CHILDREN. HE WAS ONE OF THE FIRST
12 NEWSPAPERS, EL HAMBRA, THAT ENDORSED ME BACK IN 1969 WHEN I
13 RAN FOR THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND WE REMAIN
14 IN CONSTANT FRIENDSHIP. BUT HE WAS A REAL GOOD COMMUNITY
15 ACTIVIST. FLORENCE CUSHMAN, WHOSE FATHER AND UNCLE FOUNDED THE
16 CUSHMAN WAKEFIELD, THE GLOBAL REAL ESTATE SERVICES COMPANY,
17 WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 89. SHE WAS A LADY OF IMMENSE
18 WARMTH, LOVE, AND COMPASSION. HER FAMILY'S BEEN QUITE INVOLVED
19 WITH HELPING THE BOY SCOUTS IN AMERICA AND SHE'S SURVIVED BY
20 HER THREE SONS AND HER BROTHER. THEODORE JOSEPH ELIAS, PASSED
21 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 90, A GRADUATE FROM IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
22 IN CHEMICAL ENGINEERING, SERVED WITH 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ON
23 D-DAY, WORKED FOR MANY YEARS TECHNICOLOR AND ENDED HIS CAREER
24 AS CHIEF HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. GARY
25 ENGLE, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE FRIENDS OF CASTAIC LAKE, SANTA



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1 CLARITA, PASSED AWAY. DR. HIROSHI KUWATA, INTERNAL MEDICINE
2 PHYSICIAN, SERVED WITH THE UNITED STATES ARMY DURING WORLD WAR
3 II. HE GRADUATED FROM U.C. SAN FRANCISCO MEDICAL SCHOOL AND
4 HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND THEIR THREE CHILDREN. TRUDY
5 MARSHALL, FORMER ACTRESS WHO STARRED WITH LAUREL AND HARDY IN
6 THE 1943 FILM, "DANCING MASTERS" AND A NUMBER OF OTHERS,
7 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 84. SHE WAS ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY
8 AND SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER THREE CHILDREN. LOYD SIGMON, WHO WAS
9 FORMER CO-OWNER OF STATION KMPC, WHOSE "SIGALERT" FREEWAY
10 TRAFFIC JAM WARNING SYSTEM MADE HIM PERHAPS THE MOST FAMOUS
11 UNKNOWN FIGURE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE
12 OF 95. HE DIVIDES THIS TRAFFIC ALERT SYSTEM IN 1955 WHILE
13 LOOKING FOR WAYS TO BOOST HIS LISTENING AUDIENCE. ON LABOR
14 DAY, THE FIRST SIGALERT WAS A BROADCAST BY SIX RADIO STATIONS
15 FOR A TRAIN WRECK NEAR UNION STATION. OTHER EARLY BULLETINS
16 INCLUDED WARNINGS OF RABID DOGS, A COLLAPSING DAM AND A SHIP
17 COLLISION IN LOS ANGELES HARBOR. IT WAS SO FAMOUS THAT THIS
18 TERM BECAME-- WAS ADDED TO THE OXFORD ENGLISH DICTIONARY A FEW
19 YEARS AGO. HE ISSUED ONLY ONE-- TODAY, A SIGALERT IS ISSUED
20 ONLY WHEN ONE OR MORE LANES OF TRAFFIC WILL BE BLOCKED FOR AT
21 LEAST HALF AN HOUR. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS TWO SONS. JOHN
22 "PERKY" PERKOVICH, WORLD WAR II VETERAN, ACTIVE IN THE
23 COMMUNITY. ANTHONY JOHN BRADOSICH, WHO WAS WITH NORTHROP
24 AVIATION AND HE HELPED WITH THE AVIATION OF THE FLYING WING.
25 AND CAROLINE MILLER OF SAN GABRIEL VALLEY.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I HAVE A COUPLE OF
5 ADJOURNMENTS. I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY IN THE
6 MEMORY OF FATHER JUAN SANTILLAN. HE RECENTLY PASSED AWAY WHILE
7 IN SPAIN. FOR MANY YEARS, FATHER SANTILLAN WAS A BELOVED
8 MEMBER OF THE FIRST DISTRICT FAMILY. IN PAST YEARS, HE LED THE
9 CONGREGATIONS AT ST. LUCY'S CHURCH IN CITY TERRACE AND OUR
10 LADY OF HOPE CHRISTIANS IN LINCOLN HEIGHTS WHICH, IN THE EARLY
11 '90S, WE WERE PROUD TO HOST THEN PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON IN ONE
12 OF HIS VISITS TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. FATHER SANTILLAN WAS
13 BORN IN LOS ANGELES IN THE CHAVEZ RAVINE AREA AND WENT ON TO
14 BECOME A COMMUNITY FIXTURE IN OUR FIRST DISTRICT. HE WAS VERY
15 DIRECT AND OUTSPOKEN AND YET EXTREMELY CARING. FATHER
16 SANTILLAN TOUCHED COUNTLESS LIVES OVER THE YEARS. HE'S GOING
17 TO BE REMEMBERED WITH GREAT FONDNESS BY ALL OF US AS
18 PARISHIONERS AND ALL OF US WHO KNEW HIM. WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR
19 DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO HIS SIBLINGS, DOLORES, ROSALINDA, LOU
20 AND RICHARD.

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D LIKE TO BE A SECOND ON THAT.

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24 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'D ALSO LIKE TO ASK THAT WE JOURNEY IN THE NAME
25 OF FERNANDO OAXACA. I KNOW THAT WE DID SO LAST WEEK BUT HE WAS



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1 A WELL-KNOWN LATINO LEADER AND A FOUNDER OF THE REPUBLICAN
2 NATIONAL HISPANIC ASSEMBLY. MANY OF US KNOW FERNANDO AS A VERY
3 UNIQUE INDIVIDUAL WITH A REAL WIDE RANGE OF INTERESTS AND
4 ACCOMPLISHMENTS. HE WAS A BUSINESSMAN, A POLITICAL ANALYST, A
5 PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTEE IN FOUR VARIOUS ADMINISTRATIONS, A
6 AEROSPACE INDUSTRY LEADER, A PROMINENT COLUMNIST AND FOUNDED A
7 PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRM TO SERVE THE LATINO MARKET. OVER THE
8 YEARS, FERNANDO ALSO LED A NUMBER OF WELL-KNOWN NATIONAL
9 LATINO ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING NALEO AND MAOF, THE MEXICAN-
10 AMERICAN OPPORTUNITIES FOUNDATION. HE IS A REPUBLICAN AND HE
11 AND I DISAGREED ON MANY AN ISSUE BUT, WHEN IT CAME TO THE
12 ISSUES OF THE LATINO COMMUNITY, I COULD ALWAYS COUNT ON
13 FERNANDO OAXACA AND HIS LEADERSHIP TO PURSUE THOSE ISSUES WITH
14 MUCH INTEGRITY. SO I TRULY RESPECTED THIS GENTLEMAN AND ALL
15 THE WORK THAT HE DID AND WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR DEEPEST
16 CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND HIS COLLEAGUES. THAT'S
17 THE EXTENT OF MY ADJOURNMENTS.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO ORDERED. OKAY. WE ARE-- WE WILL
20 THEN CALL UP ITEM 64-C, AND AS YOU CAN SEE, A LOT OF FOLKS
21 HAVE SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY. AND, IN ORDER TO AVOID NOT
22 NECESSARILY REDUNDANT TESTIMONY BUT THE SAME THING, IF YOU ARE
23 IN SUPPORT OF IT AND SO BE IT, YOU GIVE YOUR OWN REASONS, WE
24 WILL TRY TO DO THIS IN ABOUT A MINUTE A SPEAKER, AND THERE'S
25 LOTS OF MINUTES HERE. AND AS WELL AS ADDITIONAL ONES DOWN



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1 HERE, TOO, SO-- AND AGAIN, I JUST ASK THAT EVERYONE BE
2 RESPECTFUL OF EACH OTHER. SO LET ME BEGIN WITH DENNIS PRAGER.
3 [ENTHUSIASTIC CHEERS AND APPLAUSE] [GAVEL]

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE. [ENTHUSIASTIC CHEERS AND APPLAUSE
6]

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE. [APPLAUSE CONTINUES]

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE! [APPLAUSE CONTINUES]

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OBVIOUSLY, MY MICROPHONE WASN'T WORKING. I
13 UNDERSTAND. [LAUGHTER]

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15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I'M ALSO GOING TO ASK VICE MAYOR HEARNS TO
16 JOIN MR. PRAGER AND ROSEMEAD MAYOR, MARGARET CLARK TO JOIN MR.
17 PRAGER AS WELL AT THIS PARTICULAR POINT. [APPLAUSE]

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE! [APPLAUSE CONTINUES]

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YOU JUST-- WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO HEAR
22 TESTIMONY AND YOU'RE CUTTING INTO TIME OF THE SPEAKERS WITH
23 THE APPLAUSE. SO, AGAIN, WE APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION.
24 DENNIS?

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1 **DENNIS PRAGER:** SUPERVISOR, I JUST HAVE A QUESTION. IS IT
2 POSSIBLE THAT I COULD HAVE TWO MINUTES TO THREE MINUTES AND
3 TWO PEOPLE WOULD GIVE ME THEIR TIME?

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ABSOLUTELY. I JUST SAW THREE HANDS GO UP. [
6 APPLAUSE]

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I'M WATCHING THE THREE THAT RAISED YOUR
9 HANDS, TOO. [LAUGHTER]

10

11 **DENNIS PRAGER:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME THE TIME
12 TO SPEAK. I WILL BE VERY BRIEF, AS I HAVE TO BE IN ANY EVENT.
13 SUPERVISORS, I HAVE NEVER APPEARED BEFORE YOU. I LIVED MY
14 WHOLE ADULT LIFE IN LOS ANGELES AND I'VE NEVER COME HERE, I'M
15 NOT AN ACTIVIST. I'M NOT TERRIBLY INTERESTED IN POLITICS. IF
16 YOU HEAR MY SHOW, IT'S LIKELY TO TALK ABOUT RAISING CHILDREN
17 AS IT IS ABOUT IRAQ, BUT THIS IS NOT MY NATURE. YOU'VE NEVER
18 SEEN ME HERE BECAUSE I'VE NEVER FELT AS PASSIONATELY ABOUT AN
19 ISSUE. LET ME PUT IT AS BLUNTLY AS I CAN, GIVEN THE TIME
20 FACTOR. I DON'T JUDGE YOUR INTENTIONS BUT THE THREE OF YOU WHO
21 VOTED TO ERASE THE CROSS FROM THE SEAL OF THE COUNTY OF LOS
22 ANGELES HAVE MADE A TERRIBLE MISTAKE. I DON'T THINK YOU
23 REALIZED THE SEVERITY OF WHAT YOU DID. YOU MIGHT HAVE THOUGHT
24 THAT THIS WAS THE ADVOCACY OF CHRISTIANITY IN OUR SOCIETY, SO
25 LET ME TELL YOU THAT I AM A RELIGIOUS PRACTICING JEW, THAT



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1 THERE ARE RABBIS IN THIS AUDIENCE WHO ARE HERE, THERE ARE
2 ATHEISTS, THERE ARE BUDDHISTS, JUST FOR PEOPLE WHO CAME OVER
3 TO ME. THE ISSUE IS ONE THAT I KNOW MY FRIEND OF MANY YEARS,
4 ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CAN RELATE TO. IT IS THE ERASING OF HISTORY.
5 CHRISTIANITY PLAYS A MAJOR ROLE IN THE HISTORY OF THIS COUNTY.
6 TO TAKE THAT CROSS OFF IS A SYMBOL OF SOMETHING TERRIBLE
7 HAPPENING. IN THE SOVIET UNION, THERE WAS A JOKE, A VERY
8 POWERFUL, DISSIDENT JOKE. I'M SURE THAT ZEV REMEMBERS THIS.
9 THEY USED TO SAY, IN THE SOVIET UNION, THAT THE FUTURE IS
10 KNOWN, IT'S THE PAST WHICH IS ALWAYS CHANGING. TOTALITARIANISM
11 IS NOT POSSIBLE UNLESS YOU ERASE THE PAST. THAT IS WHAT YOU
12 DID. THAT IS WHY THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE HERE AND THOUSANDS
13 OUTSIDE. THAT IS THE ONLY REASON I AM HERE. I NEVER INTENDED
14 TO BE HERE. MAYBE ON MY BIRTHDAY ONE YEAR YOU'LL HONOR ME BUT
15 I NEVER HAD ANY INTENTION FOR ANY OTHER REASON TO BE HERE. I
16 NEED YOU TO UNDERSTAND THE WHIRLWIND THAT YOU ARE REAPING. I
17 BEG YOU, FOR YOUR SAKE, TO UNDERSTAND THIS. WHAT YOU ARE
18 OFFERING IS NOT A COMPROMISE. PUTTING A MISSION AND INDIGENOUS
19 PEOPLE INSTEAD OF THE CROSS IS NOT A COMPROMISE AND WE'RE NOT
20 STUPID. WE'D HAVE TO BE STUPID TO BELIEVE THAT'S A COMPROMISE.
21 IF THERE'S NO CROSS, THERE'S NO COMPROMISE. IT'S AS SIMPLE AS
22 THAT. IF THERE IS... [ENTHUSIASTIC CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

23

24 **DENNIS PRAGER:** IF THERE IS A MISSION, AS ONE WRITER-- AS ONE
25 LISTENER TO MY SHOW WROTE TO ME FROM SOMEWHERE ELSE IN THE



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1 COUNTRY HEARING THIS, IT WILL LOOK LIKE A TACO BELL. NOBODY
2 WILL KNOW WHAT THAT BUILDING IS. THE A.C.L.U. IS FOOLING YOU.
3 THEY ARE LEADING YOU DOWN A VERY TERRIBLE PATH. THEY, CONTRARY
4 TO THE L.A. TIMES EDITORIAL, I DIDN'T GOAD THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE
5 HERE TODAY. THE A.C.L.U. GOADED YOU INTO THEIR PLAN TO DE-
6 CHRISTIANIZE THIS COUNTRY. YOU FELL IN. FOR YOUR SAKE AND FOR
7 THE SAKE OF AMERICA, I BEG OF YOU TO UNDERSTAND THE SEVERITY
8 OF THE WHIRLWIND YOU HAVE REAPED. DON'T REWRITE OUR HISTORY.
9 THANK YOU. [ENTHUSIASTIC CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. LET ME MAKE A SUGGESTION SINCE
12 MY MICROPHONE IS NOT WORKING. [LAUGHTER]

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** INSTEAD OF THE APPLAUSE, WHEN YOU HEAR
15 SOMETHING YOU LIKE, JUST GO LIKE THIS. [LAUGHTER]

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT? THERE YOU GO. WE'LL GET THE
18 MESSAGE UP HERE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, DENNIS, FOR TAKING THE
19 TIME TO BE HERE. VICE MAYOR HEARNS?

20

21 **VICE-MAYOR HEARNS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, HONORABLE CHAIRMAN AND
22 HONORABLE BOARD, I THANK YOU. I'VE BEEN BEFORE YOU MANY TIMES
23 BUT NOT WITH A PASSION THAT I HAVE TODAY. I SAT HERE TODAY AND
24 MR. SPRING HAS ALREADY SPOKEN PRETTY MUCH WHAT I WOULD SAY BUT
25 LET ME JUST GO ANOTHER DIRECTION AND TALK TO YOU FROM THE



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1 POLITICAL SIDE OF THE HOUSE. I SAT HERE AND HEARD YOU HONOR
2 RONALD REAGAN, HIS THOUGHTS, HIS COMMITMENT TO A STAND, AND I
3 SAY TO YOU TODAY THAT IT IS EASY, VERY EASY TO FALL WHERE YOU
4 THINK THAT SOMEBODY IS GOING TO BE ABLE TO BE THE STRONG-ARM.
5 BUT IT TAKES A REAL COUNTY SUPERVISOR TO STAND UP WHEN THINGS
6 ARE NOT GOING TO GO SO WELL! AND I-- AND I ENCOURAGE YOU, I
7 ENCOURAGE YOU TO MAKE A DECISION TODAY, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
8 TO STAND UP FOR THE SYMBOL OF THIS GREAT STATE AND COUNTY HERE
9 IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. I HAVE BEEN HERE JUST A BIT OVER
10 40 YEARS AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I CARE ABOUT THIS STATE.
11 I CARE ABOUT THIS COUNTY AND I NEED YOUR HELP TODAY TO STAND
12 UP. DON'T LAY DOWN! LET ME GIVE YOU ONE CLOSING STATEMENT THAT
13 MY LITTLE DAUGHTER-- GRANDDAUGHTER, WHO IS IN GRADUATE SCHOOL,
14 KIND OF GAVE ME. AND SHE TOLD ME TO SHARE THIS AS A WARNING.
15 YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED IN COLUMBINE. YOU KNOW THAT 50% DROP-
16 OUT AMONG AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND HISPANICS. ALL OF THIS HAS
17 HAPPENED SINCE PRAYER HAS BEEN MOVED OUT OF THE SCHOOL. [
18 APPLAUSE]

19

20 **VICE-MAYOR HEARNS:** I WANT TO SAY THIS TO YOU. PLEASE BE
21 WARNED! WARNED! HEAR MY CALL TODAY! A GODLESS SOCIETY WILL
22 BECOME A LAWLESS SOCIETY! A CARE LESS, A CARELESS SOCIETY WILL
23 BECOME A MORALIST SOCIETY; THEREFORE, A HOPELESS SOCIETY.
24 CHANGE YOUR VOTE AND LET'S GO!

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MARGARET? MAYOR CLARK?

2

3 **MAYOR MARGARET CLARK:** I'M MARGARET CLARK, MAYOR IN THE CITY OF
4 ROSEMEAD. WE DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE, DUE TO THE TIME, TO TAKE A
5 POSITION, SO I'M SPEAKING AS A PRIVATE CITIZEN. BUT I AM JUST
6 VERY PASSIONATE ABOUT THIS ISSUE THAT YOU LEAVE THE CROSS ON
7 THERE. CIVIL LIBERTIES ARE FOR EVERYONE AND, TO ME, CIVIL
8 LIBERTIES, CIVIL RIGHTS ARE RACIAL, RELIGIOUS, AND GENDER
9 EQUALITY. THOSE ARE THE THINGS THAT WE NEED TO BE FIGHTING
10 FOR. AND THE MILESTONES THAT WE HAVE MADE ON THOSE ISSUES NEED
11 TO BE UPHELD. AND I HAVE TO THINK ABOUT WOMEN'S EQUALITY. HOW
12 LONG AGO WAS IT BEFORE A WOMAN COULD BE A MAYOR? I'M REALLY
13 ONLY THE SECOND MAYOR IN THE HISTORY-- WOMAN MAYOR IN THE
14 HISTORY OF THE CITY OF ROSEMEAD. AND THESE ARE THE THINGS THAT
15 CIVIL LIBERTIES MEAN TO ME. I'M A FORMER FOURTH GRADE TEACHER
16 AND OUR HISTORY IS THOSE MISSIONS. I WENT OUT TO BABYSIT MY
17 GRANDDAUGHTER AND HER FOURTH GRADE SISTER HAD TWO HUGE FRAMED
18 POSTCARDS THAT HER GREAT- GRANDFATHER HAD PREPARED FROM ALL
19 THE MISSIONS IN THIS STATE AND THAT'S OUR HISTORY. PLEASE
20 DON'T EXPUNGE THAT FROM OUR HISTORY. I HAVE TO ASK, ALSO, AS A
21 CITY OFFICIAL, HOW MANY MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IS THE STATE
22 TAKING FROM YOU THIS YEAR? HOW MUCH WOULD IT COST TO TAKE THAT
23 OFF OF ALL THE SYMBOLS? THE BRONZE ONES, THE CARDS-- I WAS
24 SORTING MY BUSINESS CARDS YESTERDAY AND I WAS STRUCK WITH HOW
25 MANY FROM THIS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES I HAVE AND THANK YOU,



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1 ZEV, FOR APPOINTING ME TO THE SOLID WASTE HEARING BOARD. BUT,
2 YOU KNOW, HOW MANY OF THESE ARE GOING TO BE CHANGED? WHAT ARE
3 WE GOING TO SPEND DOING THAT?! PLEASE, DO NOT BUCKLE UNDER ON
4 THIS.

5

6 **VICE-MAYOR HEARNS:** ABSOLUTELY.

7

8 **MAYOR MARGARET CLARK:** SO I ASK THOSE OF YOU WHO VOTED TO
9 REMOVE THE CROSS, I WOULD ASK YOU TO RECONSIDER YOUR VOTE.
10 PLEASE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, ALL THREE OF YOU. I'M
13 GOING TO ASK DOMINGO DELGADO TO JOIN US, CARLOS ORTEGA, ROSIE
14 ROMERO MCDERMOTT AND DAVID NELSON.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. DOMINGO? AND THEN CARLOS, ROSIE AND
17 THEN DAVID. GO AHEAD, DOMINGO.

18

19 **DOMINGO DELGADO:** YES, GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING, BOARD. THANK
20 YOU VERY MUCH. THIS IS A GREAT HONOR AND PRIVILEGE TO COME UP
21 HERE. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I ADDRESS THIS BOARD AND
22 ESPECIALLY ON THIS ISSUE THAT'S VERY VITAL. MY CONCERN IS THAT
23 A.C.L.U. TODAY IS GOING AFTER THE SYMBOL OF THE CROSS.
24 TOMORROW, THEY'LL GO AFTER THE SYMBOL OF THE STAR OF DAVID.
25 AND YOU KNOW THAT'S WHAT CAUSED THE HOLOCAUST IN GERMANY. SO



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1 WE WANT TO STAY AWAY FROM THAT. SECONDLY, SIMPLY, THE
2 PRESIDENT OF THE _____ ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO PUT
3 THIS ON THE BALLOT IN NOVEMBER. LET US, THE PEOPLE, WE, THE
4 PEOPLE, MAKE THAT DECISION. IT'S OUR COUNTY AND IT'S OUR SEAL.
5 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT.
8 GET THEM HIGH, GET THEM HIGH. CAN'T HEAR THEM. [LAUGHTER]

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THE FARTHER WE ARE FROM HERE-- YEAH, THAT'S
11 BETTER, MUCH LOUDER. [LAUGHTER]

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** CARLOS?

14

15 **CARLOS ORTEGA:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, 99%
16 OF HISPANICS IN THIS COUNTY HAVE A STRONG CHRISTIAN FAITH, ONE
17 OF WHICH THEY'RE PROUD. THEY SENT YOU HERE, AMONG OTHER
18 REASONS, BECAUSE THEY THOUGHT THAT YOU SHARE THEIR VIEWS, THAT
19 AUTHENTICITY OF CULTURE IS REPRESENTED [INTERJECTIONS]

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE!

22

23 **CARLOS ORTEGA:** AUTHENTICITY OF CULTURE IS REPRESENTED, AMONG
24 OTHER THINGS, BY BEING TRUE TO YOUR ROOTS. DON'T FALL PREY TO
25 THE A.C.L.U. IN ITS ILL-ADVISED, ILL-BEGOTTEN LEFTIST IDEOLOGY



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1 OF WHICH THE HISPANICS HAVE NO PART. YOU SHOULD KNOW THIS! ON
2 OTHER ISSUES, PERHAPS YOU SHOULD VOTE WITH THE LEFT, BUT WITH
3 THE SPECIFIC ISSUE OF THE CROSS AND THE HERITAGE THAT IT
4 REPRESENTS, THE HERITAGE OF THE HISPANIC PEOPLE OF THIS
5 COUNTY, WHO FOUNDED, FROM MOSAIC COMAREO ALL THE WAY DOWN TO
6 OUR PRESENT DAY, THE COUNTY OF CALIFORNIA-- THE COUNTY OF LOS
7 ANGELES IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, DON'T LET THAT GO TO WASTE. BE
8 PROUD OF YOUR HERITAGE. DON'T TAKE THE LEFTIST VIEW. TAKE THE
9 HISPANIC VIEW, TAKE THE AMERICAN VIEW, AND SAY THAT IS AN
10 INTEGRAL PART, AS MUCH OF IT AND AS AUTHENTIC ANY IDEA THAT
11 MAY COME OUT OF THE WHACKY UNIVERSITIES THAT SOME OF US HAVE
12 ATTENDED BUT WHICH STILL MAY BE WRONG. SO I'M SAYING TO YOU,
13 DON'T SELL OUT TO THE LEFT, YOU KNOW, STAY WITH THE HERITAGE.
14 AND I AM SAYING... [INTERJECTIONS]

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE! WAIT A MINUTE. EXCUSE ME. I'M GOING
17 TO INTERRUPT AGAIN.

18

19 **CARLOS ORTEGA:** BUT MAY I TAKE SOME OF MY TIME BACK?

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YOU'VE GOT MORE ON YOUR TIME. SHE FORGOT TO
22 START THE TIMER BUT, AGAIN, JUST BE RESPECTFUL. OKAY? THIS IS
23 NOT NAME-CALLING TIME. THIS IS THE TIME FOR YOU TO EXPRESS
24 YOUR PASSION ABOUT THE ISSUE, NOT TO NAME-CALL, NOT TO TARGET,



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1 NOT TO DO ANY OF THAT KIND OF THING, NOT THE HISSING, THE
2 BOOING. OKAY? YOU HAVE 24 MORE SECONDS.

3

4 **CARLOS ORTEGA:** HERE'S THE END POINT OF IT. I TALK TO HUNDREDS
5 OF THOUSANDS OF HISPANICS EVERY DAY ON RADIO. I'M A TALK SHOW
6 HOST. I HAVE NEVER COME HERE, EITHER, LIKE DENNIS PRAGER,
7 BECAUSE I DON'T FEEL THAT THERE ARE ENOUGH THINGS OUT THERE
8 THAT ONE SHOULD REALLY, YOU KNOW, BE OVERLY EXCITED WITHOUT
9 TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ANY MYRIAD OF THINGS BUT THIS IS ONE WHERE
10 HISPANICS WILL RISE UP AND NOTICE. THIS IS PART OF THE
11 HERITAGE OF THE STATE AND ALL OF US, HISPANIC AMERICANS
12 INCLUDED.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ROSIE?

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** UH, MR. CHAIRMAN?

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES?

19

20 **SUP MOLINA:** [SPEAKING SPANISH]

21

22 **CARLOS ORTEGA:** I THINK SHE WANTS TO HAVE A DEBATE. SHE'S
23 SAYING THAT SHE'S NOT SELLING OUT.

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, EXCUSE ME.



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1

2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NOW, WAIT. WE'RE NOT...

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU STARTED THE DEBATE.

5

6 **CARLOS ORTEGA:** WELL, IT'S-- NO, BECAUSE YOUR...

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** MY TIME, SIR. YOUR TIME IS OVER.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE! GLORIA...

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO. [SPEAKING SPANISH]

13

14 **CARLOS ORTEGA:** [SPEAKING SPANISH] [INTERJECTIONS]

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** SENIOR, I WOULD BE MORE THAN HAPPY... [INTERJECTIONS, SHOUTS] [GAVEL]

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE! PLEASE!

19

20 **CARLOS ORTEGA:** I DON'T THINK IT'S TIME FOR DEBATE.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ROSIE ROMERO MCDERMOTT.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** (SPEAKING SPANISH) [BOOS AND INTERJECTIONS]

25



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1

2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** [GAVEL] PLEASE!

3

4 **CARLOS ORTEGA:** AUTHENTICITY IS SHOWN BY DOING THE RIGHT THING,
5 NOT BY JUST BEING PHONY LIKE THAT.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** CARLOS? YOU'RE DONE. ROSIE?

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** SIR, LOOK, LET'S GO, LET'S GO THROUGH THIS AGAIN.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ROSIE?

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** I AM STANDING HERE AND I STAND BY MY VOTE.
14 YOU'RE-- AGAIN... [INTERJECTIONS]

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE!

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** ...YOU ARE ALLOWED TO CHASTISE ME AS MUCH AS YOU
19 WILL AT ANY LEVEL BUT TRYING TO CHASTISE ME AND TRYING TO
20 REMIND ME THAT I'VE FORGOTTEN MY CULTURAL ROOTS IS YOUR
21 MISTAKE. SIR...

22

23 **CARLOS ORTEGA:** 2,000 PEOPLE ARE OUTSIDE TELLING ME THAT.

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA:** SIR! SIR! SIR!



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1

2 **CARLOS ORTEGA:** I'M NOT GOING TO BE TALKED DOWN BY YOU THAT
3 WAY! I'M TELLING YOU THAT THIS IS IMPORTANT! THIS IS IMPORTANT
4 TO HISPANICS!!

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE!

7

8 **CARLOS ORTEGA:** [LOUD APPLAUSE AND CHEERS] I WILL NOT BE
9 TALKED DOWN LIKE THAT!! I RESPECT MY RIGHTS!! I RESPECT MY
10 HERITAGE!! AND THAT'S WHY IT'S AS MUCH AS PART OF ME AS ANY
11 OTHER AMERICAN HERE!!!

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE!!

14

15 **CARLOS ORTEGA:** SO I WILL NOT BE TALKED DOWN LIKE THAT! BY THE
16 WAY, WHAT SHE WAS SAYING IN SPANISH, IT'S REALLY GROTESQUE,
17 BUT I WILL-- I WILL JUST SAY THIS, I WILL JUST SAY THIS, THERE
18 ARE THOUSANDS OF HISPANICS OUTSIDE. GO TELL THEM, IF THEY ARE
19 REALLY SPLITTING DOWN THE MIDDLE ON BEHALF OF SOMEONE, GO
20 OUTSIDE, TELL THEM, BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT-- THAT'S WHAT YOU
21 MEANT TO SAY. GO TELL THEM, BECAUSE THIS IS REALLY CRUCIAL. I
22 MEAN THIS IS-- NEVER DO THE HISPANICS IN THIS COUNTY GET A
23 CHANCE TO VOICE REALLY WHAT THEY FEEL! AND, TODAY, THE PERSON
24 THAT OUGHT TO BE REPRESENTING HISPANICS, SIR, THERE ARE 2,000



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1 HISPANICS OUTSIDE. IF YOU WANT THEIR CARDS, I CAN TALK FOR
2 THEM!!

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NO. LISTEN. WE'RE TRYING TO LET-- BE
5 RESPECTFUL AND TRYING TO GET EVERYONE TO BE ABLE TO ADDRESS
6 THIS BOARD. THIS IS NOT THE TIME FOR A DEBATE. OKAY? ROSIE
7 ROMERO MCDERMOTT, PLEASE.

8

9 **ROSIE ROMERO MCDERMOTT:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. I'M HERE TO--
10 NOT TO-- TO LET YOU KNOW THAT I'M PREJUDICE OR WHATEVER. WE
11 WANT THE CROSS IN THERE, NOT BECAUSE THE CROSS IS A RELIGIOUS
12 ITEM BUT BECAUSE THE CROSS SIGNIFIES OUR HISTORY. I'M VERY
13 PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN. I'M VERY PROUD TO BE HERE IN THIS
14 COUNTRY AND I JUST ASK YOU TO PLEASE RECONSIDER YOUR OPINION.
15 IT WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED BY THE HISPANICS AND BY THE
16 WHOLE WORLD. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I WOULD ASK-- DAVID, BEFORE YOU
19 SPEAK, I'M GOING TO ASK NORMA FOSTER TO COME FORWARD, TOMAS DE
20 HARO CEBALLEOS, AND FRANK LANGSTON. DAVID?

21

22 **DAVID NELSON:** WELL, IN CONTRAST TO THE A.C.L.U., I'M AN
23 ATTORNEY THAT BELIEVES IN THE POSITIVE THINGS ABOUT
24 CALIFORNIA. AND, YOU KNOW, THE FUNNY THING ABOUT ATTORNEYS IS
25 THEY'LL GO AS FAR AS THE COURTHOUSE WILL ALLOW THEM TO GO AND,



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1 IN THIS SETTING, THEY'LL GO AS FAR AS THIS BOARD WILL ALLOW
2 THEM TO GO. AND IT'S UP TO THIS BOARD TO MAKE A STAND AGAINST
3 THE A.C.L.U. RIGHT THEN AND NOW. THERE IS NO EXCUSE WHY THESE
4 THINGS HAVE TO GO THIS FAR. YOU GUYS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO
5 CUT THIS THING OFF EARLY ON IN THE STAGE AND DO NOT LET IT GO
6 FURTHER THAN IT NEEDS TO GO. THE A.C.L.U. MISREPRESENTS ALMOST
7 THE MAJORITY OF ALL CALIFORNIANS AND I ASK YOU, WHEN IS ALL
8 THE A.C.L.U.'S TACTICS AND THE SORT OF, FORGIVE ME FOR BEING
9 POLITICAL, BUT THIS LEFT WING B.S. IS GOING TO GO ON? YOU
10 KNOW, YOU LOOK AT THAT SEAL AND ALMOST EVERY FACTION AND
11 MINORITY GROUP CAN COME UP HERE AND COMPLAIN ABOUT SOMETHING.
12 P.E.T.A. CAN GET UP THERE AND CHALLENGE THOSE COWS AND THE
13 FISH AND THEN YOU GUYS ARE GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE THAT OFF. AND
14 THE ANTI-PAGAN GODDESSES OF, YOU KNOW, CALIFORNIA CAN ARGUE TO
15 TAKE THAT OFF OF. AND THERE'S NO LIMIT TO THE LITIGATION. WE
16 CAN END IT NOW. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NORMA, AND THEN THOMAS AND THEN
19 FRANK AND THEN I'D ASK LEV STARK TO COME FORWARD, PLEASE.

20

21 **NORMA FOSTER:** MR. CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU
22 FOR ALLOWING THE PRIVILEGE TO SPEAK WITH YOU TODAY. I HAPPEN
23 TO BE THE PRESIDENT OF THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL EASTER SUNRISE
24 SERVICE AND, FOR 83 YEARS, WE HAVE REPRESENTED THOUSANDS AND
25 THOUSANDS OF THE COMMUNITY AND MANY OF THE CLERGY AND



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1 DENOMINATIONS. EVEN THE RABBI ONCE SPOKE AT THE EASTER SUNRISE
2 SERVICE AND, PROUDLY, PRESIDENT REAGAN WAS PART OF IT IN 1989.
3 I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY THAT REMOVING THE CROSS IS SOMETHING
4 THAT WE'RE ALL FIGHTING AGAINST BUT IT IS PART OF OUR HISTORY
5 OF THE MISSIONS AND CHRISTIANITY. BUT WHAT I THINK IS NOT
6 BEING RECOGNIZED HERE TODAY IS THE FACT THAT THE CROSS IS ALSO
7 PART OF THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE. THE STARS
8 REPRESENT THE SYMPHONY UNDER THE STARS. THE PEOPLE, OUR BOARD,
9 BOUGHT THE LAND, GIFTED IT TO L.A. COUNTY IN 1934 TO BE PART
10 OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE COUNTY. SO I'M JUST ASKING
11 YOU ALL TO PLEASE LOOK AT THE HISTORY OF THAT PARTICULAR FRAME
12 ON THE SEAL. IT BELONGS TO THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE, FOR THE
13 PEOPLE, AND MUST NEVER BE REMOVED BY THE A.C.L.U. OR ANYONE
14 LIKE THAT IN THE FUTURE. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THOMAS, AND THEN LEE. SPANISH
17 SPEAKING-- TOMAS DE HARO CEBALLEOS. NORMA, COULD YOU... HE
18 NEEDS TO BE ABLE TO TRANSLATE.

19

20 **TOMAS DE HARO CEBALLEOS:** (SPEAKING SPANISH).

21

22 **INTERPRETER:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE.

23

24 **TOMAS DE HARO CEBALLEOS:** (SPEAKING SPANISH).

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** SENOR? SENOR? (SPEAKING SPANISH) .

2

3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** UN MOMENTO, UN MOMENTO!

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** [SPEAKING SPANISH]

6

7 **INTERPRETER:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY, AND GOD BLESS YOU AND
8 GOD BLESS AMERICA! THE MAYFLOWER BOAT IS A BEAUTIFUL HISTORY
9 BECAUSE THEY CAME-- THE PILGRIMS CAME TO THE UNITED STATES.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SLOW DOWN, SIR.

12

13 **INTERPRETER:** 13 LINES OF THE FLAG ARE THE 13-- REPRESENT THE
14 13 COLONIES THAT CREATED THIS NATION. WE SHOULD BE
15 APPRECIATIVE FOR THAT THANKSGIVING THAT THOSE PILGRIMS BROUGHT
16 TO THIS NATION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GOD BLESS YOU ALL. [
17 APPLAUSE]

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MR. LANGSTON FOLLOWED BY LEV STARK, AND I'D
20 ASK JACK BRISCOE TO JOIN US AND ELLA REED. I'VE BEEN REMINDED
21 BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, IF YOU-- SINCE I'M CALLING YOU BY
22 YOUR FIRST NAME OR LAST NAME, IF YOU WOULD IDENTIFY YOURSELF
23 PRIOR TO YOUR TESTIMONY FOR THE RECORD, JUST GIVE US YOUR
24 NAME. MR. LANGSTON?

25



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1 **FRANK LANGSTON:** MY NAME IS FRANK LANGSTON, AND I'M HERE TO SAY
2 THAT THIS IS NOT JUST AN ATTACK ON THE SEAL OF THE LOS ANGELES
3 COUNTY. THIS IS AN ATTACK ON THE BODY OF CHRIST. SO LONG, THE
4 BODY OF CHRIST HAS SIT SILENT WHILE SATAN HAS TAKEN PRAYER OUT
5 OF SCHOOLS, TAKEN THE TEN COMMANDMENTS FROM THE STATE OF
6 ALABAMA CAPITOL, AND WE HAVE SIT SILENT. IT IS TIME FOR US TO
7 STAND UP AND FIGHT AS ONE BODY, NOT AS CATHOLICS, BAPTISTS OR
8 PRESBYTERIANS. WE MUST FIGHT TOGETHER. I DON'T THINK THAT THE
9 COUNTY SHOULD PAY FOR THIS SUIT. I THINK THE CHRISTIANS OF LOS
10 ANGELES SHOULD GO BACK TO THEIR CHURCHES AND THEIR COMMUNITIES
11 AND WE SHOULD RAISE FUNDS AND STAND UP AND FIGHT THIS AND PAY
12 FOR IT OURSELVES.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. LEV, AND THEN JACK BRISCOE AND
15 THEN ELLA REED AND THEN I WOULD ASK BISHOP KENNETH ULMER TO
16 JOIN US AS WELL, TOO.

17

18 **LEV STARK:** HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS LEV STARK. I'M AN
19 ORTHODOX JEW WHO GREW UP IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE ISSUE AT
20 HAND GOES BEYOND JUST A CHRISTIAN ISSUE. IT IS BEYOND A JEWISH
21 ISSUE. THE CROSS ON THE SEAL OF LOS ANGELES REPRESENTS THE
22 HARMONY WITH WHICH OUR FREEDOMS ALLOW US TO LIVE. WE ARE A
23 COUNTRY THAT CELEBRATES RELIGION AND FREEDOM TOGETHER. WE ARE
24 A COUNTRY THAT CELEBRATES FREEDOM OF RELIGION, NOT FREEDOM
25 FROM RELIGION. WHEN MY SON ASKS ME, WHY, ON THANKSGIVING, WE



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1 CELEBRATE AS JEWS, I REMIND HIM THAT THERE IS NO OTHER COUNTRY
2 IN THE WORLD THAT HAS ACCEPTED US AND ALLOWED US TO BE FREE AS
3 JEWS. THE CROSS ON THE SEAL OF LOS ANGELES REMINDS US, EVEN AS
4 JEWS, THAT RELIGION IS FREE HERE. WE CAN BE WHO WE WANT TO BE.
5 WE CAN BE AMERICANS AND WE CAN BE JEWISH WITHOUT FEAR.
6 REMOVING THAT WOULD REMOVE JUST THAT LITTLE SLIVER OF HOPE
7 THAT MANY OF US HAVE THAT THERE'S A PLACE WHERE WE HAVE A
8 RELIGION OF FREEDOM.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. JACK BRISCOE, ELLA REED, BISHOP
11 ULMER, AND THEN I'D ASK PASTOR JAMES PRICE TO JOIN US, TOO.

12

13 **JACK BRISCOE:** I'M REALLY SURPRISED THAT I'M HERE BUT I THANK
14 YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY OF TELLING YOU HOW I, AS A NORMAL,
15 AVERAGE CITIZEN, FEEL. I WORKED WITH KIDS ON A HIGH SCHOOL
16 FOOTBALL LEVEL AND I HAVE HAD CHILDREN OF MY OWN. AND, IN MY
17 HOUSE, WE ALWAYS HAD A THING, A TEENAGE CREED THAT SAYS STAND
18 FOR SOMETHING OR YOU WILL FALL FOR ANYTHING. I'M AFRAID YOU
19 ALL-- SOME OF YOU HAVE FALLEN FOR SOMETHING THAT SHOULD NOT BE
20 A LEFT OR RIGHT, DEMOCRATIC OR REPUBLICAN ISSUE. YOU GUYS ARE
21 LEADERS. YOU'RE VOTED IN AS LEADERS AND YOU SHOULD DO WHAT THE
22 WILL OF THE PEOPLE WANT, NOT WHAT YOUR WILL IS! YOU'RE VOTED
23 IN BY PEOPLE AND NOT DO THE WILL OF SOME ORGANIZATION, SUCH AS
24 THE A.C.L.U. LEADERS, SHOW COURAGE! DON'T FOLLOW. SHOW
25 COURAGE! YOU'RE HERE TO LEAD AND I AM SURE THAT, IF RONALD



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1 REAGAN WAS HERE, STANDING HERE TODAY, HE WOULD SAY, "DO WHAT
2 IS RIGHT." THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ASK THAT MARK-- IS IT ISLER-- I-
5 S-- I BELIEVE IT'S I-S-L-E-R, WOULD JOIN US AS WELL.

6

7 **FEMALE VOICE:** (INAUDIBLE).

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE. ELLA REED.

10

11 **ELLA REED:** I'M ELLA REED AND I AM A CHRISTIAN. AND THE REASON
12 I'M HERE IS BECAUSE THE CROSS ON THE SEAL REPRESENTS NOT ONLY
13 CHRISTIANITY BUT, I BELIEVE, ALL PEOPLE OF FAITH. IT'S THE
14 BASIS OF OUR NATION, OUR COUNTRY, AND THAT'S WHAT CHRISTIANITY
15 STANDS FOR IN OUR UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. AND I JUST ASK YOU
16 TO RECONSIDER REMOVING THE CROSS. NOT ONLY IS IT NOT SOMETHING
17 THAT WE ACCEPT AS CHRISTIANS BUT ALSO IT'S GOING TO BE VERY
18 EXPENSIVE FOR YOU TO REMOVE THAT CROSS FROM ALL THOSE SEALS. I
19 THINK THAT, FROM A PRACTICAL STANDPOINT, THAT DOESN'T-- IT
20 DOESN'T-- IT'S NOT NECESSARY TO DO. WE NEED TO NOT BE
21 INTIMIDATED BY THE A.C.L.U. JUST BECAUSE THEY HAVE REQUESTED
22 THIS. WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THEIR INTENTIONS ARE OR WHO THEY ARE
23 REPRESENTING. I ASK YOU TO RECONSIDER THAT. THANK YOU.

24



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, ELLA. BISHOP ULMER, PASTOR
2 PRICE, MARK ISLER AND THEN I'D ASK REVEREND JESSE PETERSON TO
3 JOIN US AS WELL.

4

5 **BISHOP KENNETH ULMER:** MY NAME IS BISHOP KENNETH ULMER. I
6 REPRESENT THE 13,000-PLUS MEMBERS AND CITIZENS OF THIS LOS
7 ANGELES WHO ARE PART OF THE FAITHFUL CENTRAL BIBLE CHURCH AND
8 I REALLY WANT TO APPEAL TO YOU MORE, NOT SO MUCH FROM A
9 RELIGIOUS STANDPOINT, BUT FROM YOUR HONORED POSITION AS
10 FIDUCIARY AND YOUR FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITIES TO THIS GREAT
11 COUNTY. MANY OF US IN THE COUNTY ARE UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT
12 WE ARE STRUGGLING-- THAT YOU ARE STRUGGLING, RATHER, TO LEAD
13 WITH LIMITED FUNDS, WITH STRAPPING ECONOMY. AND IT SEEMS TO US
14 THAT TO SPEND THE KIND OF MONEY THAT IT'S GOING TO REQUIRE TO
15 MAKE THIS ACTION GO THROUGH IS AN ISSUE THAT YOU NEED TO
16 RECONSIDER. I BELIEVE THAT MAYBE SOMEONE HAS FAILED TO DO WHAT
17 A GREAT JEWISH PROPHET ONCE SAID AND THAT IS TO COUNT THE
18 COST, FOR THE COST THAT WE ARE GOING TO PAY FOR THIS WILL
19 AFFECT GENERATIONS TO COME. THIS SEAL IS A TESTIMONY TO THE
20 HERITAGE AND HISTORY OF THIS GREAT METROPOLIS AND GREAT AREA.
21 THERE'S A DISREGARD TO THE CIVIC FOUNDATIONS WHICH WILL
22 LOGICALLY EXTEND TO THE REMOVAL OF THE HALLOWED WORKS OF ART
23 IN CONGRESS AND ART GALLERIES THAT DEPICT ANY SCENES OF
24 RELIGIOSITY. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT DISHONORING OUR PAST AND
25 REWRITING OUR HISTORY WILL RESULT, EVEN, IN THE ULTIMATE



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1 REMOVAL OF "IN GOD WE TRUST" FROM OUR CURRENCY. I WANT YOU
2 SIMPLY ASK YOU TO COUNT THE COST, NOT JUST THE COST OF
3 REPLACING BADGES AND VEHICLES AND UNIFORMS AND DOCUMENTS, BUT
4 THE COST OF REALIZING THAT THIS SEAL ALREADY SYMBOLIZES THE
5 DIVERSITY WITHIN THIS COUNTY. THERE'S A PAGAN GODDESS, WHICH
6 IS THE MOST VISIBLE AND MOST OBVIOUS SYMBOL IN THIS SEAL
7 WHICH, AGAIN, CELEBRATES OUR DIVERSITY. IF YOU HAVE THE MONEY,
8 WHICH WE'RE NOT SURE YOU DO, THEN FIGURE HOW MUCH IT'S GOING
9 TO COST DOWN TO TAKE DOWN THE OTHER SYMBOLS, FOR THIS WILL
10 LEAD TO A CONTINUED THREAT TO OUR LIBERTIES. IF YOU BOW NOW,
11 WE WILL CROUCH FOREVER. WE DON'T BELIEVE WE HAVE THE MONEY TO
12 SPEND ON SUCH A TRIVIAL PURSUIT AND, IF YOU HAVE THE MONEY,
13 TAKE THE MONEY, FIGHT THE SUIT, AND LET THEM SUE US.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. PASTOR PRICE. AND THEN I'D ASK
16 LONNIE POTTER TO JOIN US AS WELL, TOO.

17

18 **PASTOR JAMES PRICE:** I'M PASTOR JAMES PRICE OF LONG BEACH
19 CHRISTIAN CENTER AND I THANK THE BOARD FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
20 BE ABLE TO COME BEFORE YOU THIS MORNING. AS A PASTOR, ALL OF
21 OUR TIME IS VALUABLE. TODAY, MUCH FINANCES AND THINGS OF THAT
22 HAVE BEEN INVESTED JUST TO COME HERE. PEOPLE HAD TO LEAVE
23 THEIR JOBS, PEOPLE HAD TO DO A VARIETY OF THINGS TO COME TO
24 EXPRESS THEIR PASSIONS THIS DAY. I REPRESENT A LOT OF PEOPLE
25 WHO WANT TO EXPRESS THE PASSION THAT-- TO MAKE A CHANGE NOW IS



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1 DISRESPECTFUL TO OUR WHOLE COMMUNITY. IT SHOULD GO ON THE
2 BALLOT AND I WOULD SAY THAT, AS SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH SAYS,
3 MADE MENTION, WE DON'T WANT THE CROSS TO BE ON THE ASH HEAP OF
4 HISTORY. WE HAVE TO MAKE A STAND. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO SPEND
5 MONEY IN A LAWSUIT OR TO GO AHEAD AND REMOVE THE ARTICLES. WE
6 MIGHT AS WELL STAND AND SAY "NO," AND KEEP WHAT WE HAVE AND
7 MAINTAIN OUR HERITAGE. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MARK ISLER.

10

11 **MARK ISLER:** YES, MARK ISLER HERE. I'M AN ASSEMBLY CANDIDATE IN
12 THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AND I ALSO HOST THE T.V. SHOW CALLED
13 "SAVING THE AMERICAN DREAM." YESTERDAY, I TOOK MY TWO BOYS TO
14 SEE PRESIDENT REAGAN'S CASKET. I CAN'T TELL YOU WHAT THAT
15 MEANT TO ME. BECAUSE, TO SO MANY AMERICANS IT WAS ABOUT WHAT
16 IS AMERICA ALL ABOUT. THAT MAN STOOD FOR EVERYTHING WE
17 BELIEVED IN. HE SAID TO MR. GORBACHEV, "TEAR DOWN THAT WALL!"
18 HE WAS INCREDIBLE BECAUSE HE SAID THERE WAS MOURNING IN
19 AMERICA, THAT THIS WAS A NEW DAY. HE FOUGHT AGAINST
20 TOTALITARIANISM, WHICH IS WHAT WE HAVE NOW, AND I HEARD A
21 STORY OVER AND OVER AGAIN THAT HE SAID IN REFERENCE TO
22 COMMUNISM, BUT IT COULD HAVE BEEN TOTALITARIANISM, "HEAVEN
23 DOESN'T NEED TOTALITARIANISM AND THE OTHER PLACE ALREADY HAS
24 IT." RONALD REAGAN WAS ABOUT COURAGE. YOU GUYS HAVE TO HAVE
25 COURAGE AGAINST THE A.C.L.U. HE BROUGHT OUT THE BEST IN ALL OF



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1 US. WE ASK YOU TO LEAD IN THAT KIND OF MEMORY. THANK YOU SO
2 VERY MUCH.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WOULD ASK THAT KEITH HARDINE AND
5 LISA OSTGAARD WOULD COME FORWARD, PLEASE.

6

7 **REVEREND JESSE LEE PETERSON:** MY NAME IS REVEREND JESSE LEE
8 PETERSON. I'M FOUNDER OF THE BROTHERHOOD ORGANIZATION OF A NEW
9 DESTINY AND WE ARE REBUILDING A FAMILY BY REBUILDING A MAN.
10 WE'RE DEALING WITH YOUNG BLACK MEN WHO ARE COMING FROM
11 TERRIBLE SITUATIONS AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE ARE TEACHING
12 THEM AND HAVE TAUGHT THEM, THAT WE ARE AMERICANS AND THAT THIS
13 COUNTRY WAS BUILT ON JUDEO-CHRISTIAN VALUES AND, AS A RESULT,
14 WE ARE THE GREATEST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD. AND I WANT TO REMIND
15 YOU THAT THE CROSS IS OUR SYMBOL OF A SPIRITUAL TRUTH WITHIN.
16 AND WE'RE TEACHING THOSE BOYS THESE PRINCIPLES. I'D LIKE TO
17 SAY TO YVONNE BURKE THAT I VOTED FOR YOU AND I'M VERY
18 DISAPPOINTED BECAUSE I HAD A CHOICE BETWEEN YOU OR DIANE
19 WATSON AND I BELIEVED YOU WHEN YOU SAID THAT YOU BELIEVED IN
20 WHAT WAS RIGHT AND THAT YOU WOULD DO THE RIGHT THING. AND
21 YOU'VE NOT ONLY DISAPPOINTED ME BUT OTHER CHRISTIAN BLACK
22 AMERICANS BY AGREEING TO TAKE THE CROSS AWAY. I CAN'T IMAGINE
23 YOU CALLING YOURSELF A WOMAN OF GOD BUT YET YOU WILL SUPPORT
24 EVIL. THEY CAN'T GO TOGETHER. I ENCOURAGE YOU TO RETHINK WHAT
25 YOU'RE DOING AND DENOUNCE THE A.C.L.U. AS MANY HAVE SAID, THEY



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1 HAVE MANAGED TO TAKE IT OUT OF THE SCHOOLS, CHRISTIANITY OUT
2 OF THE SCHOOLS, OUT OF THE HOME, AND NOW THEY WANT TO VANISH
3 IT AWAY FROM US. YOUNG BLACK AMERICANS NEED A REMINDER THAT
4 THERE IS A GOD AND THERE IS A GOOD WAY OF LIVING AND THE CROSS
5 IS A REMINDER OF THAT. WE'VE BEEN VERY DISAPPOINTING. I HOPE
6 THAT YOU WILL TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY AND RETHINK YOUR POSITION
7 ON THIS ISSUE. THE A.C.L.U. IS AN ANTI-GOD, ANTI-AMERICA,
8 ANTI-FAMILY, ASSOCIATE'S ORGANIZATION THAT WANT TO BRING US TO
9 OUR KNEES AND WE SHOULD NOT ALLOW THAT TO HAPPEN. SO I
10 ENCOURAGE YOU, PLEASE, DO WHAT'S RIGHT AND NOT WHAT YOU FEEL.
11 THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND, AGAIN, I WOULD JUST, AS A
14 FOLLOW-UP, PLEASE KEEP YOUR COMMENTS TO THE ISSUE AND TRY NOT
15 TO BE PERSONAL, OKAY? JUST BE RESPECTFUL. LONNIE POTTER.

16

17 **LONNIE POTTER:** YES, SIR.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AND THEN KEITH AND THEN LISA, AND THEN I'D
20 ASK DEBORAH YOUNG-- IS IT BROWN-- TO COME FORWARD.

21

22 **LONNIE POTTER:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIRMAN. GOOD MORNING TO THE
23 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I'M GRATEFUL TO BE HERE. I SPEAK AS A
24 UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES VETERAN. I'M STANDING HERE ONCE
25 AGAIN. I REMEMBER WHEN I TOOK THE OATH OF PUTTING ON THE



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1 MILITARY UNIFORM TO STAND FOR FREEDOM OF OUR COUNTRY. I COME
2 HERE ONCE AGAIN. I'VE NEVER BEEN HERE BEFORE, IN FRONT OF YOU
3 BEFORE, BUT I COME HERE, I FEEL PUTTING ON A UNIFORM, TO STAND
4 UP FOR THE RIGHT OF FREEDOM. I FEEL THAT OUR SEAL IS HISTORY.
5 IT WAS MADE FROM HISTORY AND I BELIEVE IN CHANGING THAT IS
6 CHANGING MY HISTORY, CHANGING MY CHILDREN'S HISTORY. I DON'T
7 KNOW WHAT IT'S GOING TO COME TO NEXT. ARE WE GOING TO ALLOW
8 SOME OTHER GROUP COME IN HERE TO PROTEST SOMETHING ELSE ON THE
9 SEAL? ONE AFTER ANOTHER, IT'S JUST GOING TO TRICKLE DOWN. I
10 BELIEVE, WHEN I TOOK THE OATH AS A MILITARY SOLDIER TO GO
11 FIGHT FOR FREEDOM, TO GO FIGHT FOR THE PEOPLE IN AMERICA, THAT
12 I HAVE A RIGHT TO STAND HERE TO SAY, WHY ARE WE CHANGING OUR
13 FOREFATHERS' HISTORY? I DON'T BELIEVE THAT IT'S THE RIGHT
14 THING TO DO.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

17

18 **LONNY POTTER:** I'M NOT STANDING FOR RELIGION, I'M STANDING FOR
19 THE SEAL OF WHAT OUR FOREFATHERS HAVE MADE IN HISTORY.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. KEITH AND THEN LISA AND THEN
22 DEBORAH AND THEN I'D ASK KATHY RICH TO JOIN US.

23

24 **KEITH HARDINE:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS KEITH
25 HARDINE. I'M GOING TO COME FROM A QUICK EDUCATIONAL



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1 PERSPECTIVE. I WORK FOR LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.
2 I'M A CONSULTANT WITH THE AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM, BEYOND THE
3 BELL. I TEACH CIVICS TO YOUNG PEOPLE AND I REPRESENT THEM IN
4 THIS ENDEAVOR, BASICALLY, TO OPPOSE THE A.C.L.U.'S POSITION
5 WHO, ACCORDING TO NEWS REPORTS, MAINTAINS THAT IT'S AN
6 IMPERMISSIBLE ENDORSEMENT OF CHRISTIANITY AND VIOLATES THE
7 FIRST AMENDMENT REQUIREMENT FOR SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND
8 STATE. THE CROSS BEARS WITNESS OF CHRISTIANITY'S INFLUENCE
9 CALIFORNIA'S DIVERSE CULTURAL HERITAGE. NOW, IN CITING THE
10 UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT, IN 1963, AVINGTON VERSUS SHEM,
11 RULED THAT ONE'S EDUCATION IS NOT COMPLETE WITHOUT A
12 COMPARATIVE RELIGION OR THE HISTORY OF RELIGION AND ITS
13 RELATIONSHIP TO THE ADBENCEMENT OF CIVILIZATION. IF, IN 1963,
14 IT WAS FOUND BY THE U.S. SUPREME COURT, CONSTITUTIONALLY
15 PERMISSIBLE TO CONSIDER RELIGIOUS INFLUENCE ON ART, MUSIC,
16 LITERATURE AND SOCIAL STUDIES, HOW IS IT NOW CONSIDERED, BY
17 THE A.C.L.U., IMPERMISSIBLE FOR A CROSS TO REMAIN ON A SEAL AS
18 A TRUE EDUCATIONAL AND ARTISTIC TESTIMONY OF CHRISTIANITY'S
19 INFLUENCE ON CALIFORNIA'S MISSIONS? THEREFORE, WHY NOT LET THE
20 CROSS WITHIN OUR SEAL, WHICH HAPPENS TO BE ON THE RIGHT, I
21 WONDER IF THAT'S COINCIDENCE, LET IT STAND AS AN EDUCATIONAL
22 MONUMENT, LET IT STAND AS AN EDUCATIONAL MONUMENT TO
23 CALIFORNIA'S CITY OF THE ANGELS. THANK YOU.
24



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. LISA, DEBORAH, THEN KATHY, AND
2 THEN I'D ASK TOM GUFREY TO JOIN US, PLEASE. LISA?

3

4 **LISA OSTGAARD:** MY NAME IS LISA OSTGAARD. I LEFT MY HOUSE THIS
5 MORNING AT 5:00 A.M. TO SPEAK TO YOU. HOWEVER, I WAS LOOKING
6 FORWARD TO THAT.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHERE DO YOU LIVE?

9

10 **LISA OSTGAARD:** ...I GAVE MY TIME TO DENNIS PRAGER.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHERE DO YOU LIVE THAT YOU...

13

14 **LISA OSTGAARD:** LESAVEAHO.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOU KNOW, I NOTICED YOU AND I
17 WAS JUST GOING TO-- SEE, I WAS TESTING YOU TO SEE IF YOU
18 REMEMBERED THAT YOU RAISED YOUR HAND. [LAUGHTER]

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I GOT MY EYE ON THE OTHER TWO AS WELL. [
21 LAUGHTER]

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, LISA. I
24 APPRECIATE THAT. TOM'S UP HERE, THEN DR. JACK HAYFORD.

25



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1 **DR. DEBORAH K. YOUNG BROWN:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DR.
2 DEBORAH BROWN AND I'M A BIBLICAL COUNSELOR. AND I CONSIDER IT
3 A PRIVILEGE TO BE ABLE TO SIT HERE AND GIVE MY OPINION. MY
4 LORD AND SAVIOR DIED ON THAT CROSS AND IT WOULD BE HORRIBLE
5 FOR ME TO JUST LET IT BE ERASED WITHOUT SAYING A WORD. I BEG
6 YOU, PLEASE, PLEASE RECONSIDER, RECONSIDER ALL OF THE SOULS
7 THAT THE SAVIOR DIED FOR. I KNOW YOU ALL DON'T WANT TO HEAR
8 ANYTHING RELIGIOUS BUT THAT'S THE TRUTH. THAT'S MY SAVIOR AND
9 HE CHANGED MY LIFE. AND PLEASE DON'T TAKE IT AWAY FROM US.
10 THAT SYMBOL SYMBOLIZES EVERYTHING WE ARE. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. KATHY AND THEN TOM AND THEN JACK
13 AND THEN GENEVIEVE.

14

15 **KATHY RICH:** MY NAME IS KATHY RICH AND I'M HERE AS A CITIZEN
16 AND I'M HERE AS A CHRISTIAN. MY PROBLEM WITH THIS IS WE SAY
17 THAT WE ARE IN A DEFICIT. SO, MY QUESTION TO YOU, SINCE YOU
18 DECIDED TO VOTE TO REMOVE THE CROSS IS, WHERE IS THE MONEY
19 COMING FROM? IS IT COMING FROM OUR SCHOOLS? IS IT COMING FROM
20 OUR ALREADY UN-HANDLED COURT SYSTEMS? JAILS? IS IT COMING FROM
21 THE MEDI-CAL? IS IT COMING FROM MEDICARE? WHERE IS THAT MONEY
22 GOING TO COME FROM? IS IT GOING TO BE SOMETHING ELSE THAT
23 WE'RE GOING TO BE TOLD, YOU KNOW, THE LIGHTS ARE GOING TO GO
24 OUT BECAUSE WE HAVE TO RAISE THE MONEY TO PAY FOR THIS
25 DECISION THAT NOT ONLY IS UNNECESSARY, NEITHER IS IT RIGHT.



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1 WHY WOULD YOU REMOVE THE CROSS FROM OUR GOVERNMENT, FROM OUR
2 HISTORY, AND THEN MAKE US-- BECAUSE YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE US DO
3 IT, IN SOME OTHER SUBTLE WAY. HOW DO YOU HAVE A MEETING AND
4 DON'T TELL US AND YOU DON'T PUT IT ON THE BALLOT. YOU DON'T DO
5 ANY OF THAT AND THEN YOU SAY, "DON'T BE UPSET." NO, I'VE NEVER
6 BEEN HERE AND I WAS BORN AND RAISED HERE BUT THIS ISSUE TODAY
7 IS VERY SERIOUS. SO MY REQUEST TO YOU IS RETHINK IT. WE VOTED
8 YOU IN. ELECTION'S COMING. REMEMBER THAT. [INTERJECTIONS]

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU, THANK YOU. DR. BRENT PRICE
11 WOULD JOIN US, PLEASE.

12

13 **KATHY BENCE:** MY NAME IS KATHY KNUDSON BENCE, AND I'VE HEARD SO
14 MUCH ABOUT THE COST OF WHAT IS...

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** KATHY, I DON'T THINK I CALLED YOU.

17

18 **KATHY VANCE:** I'M SORRY, I'M SORRY.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I DON'T BELIEVE I CALLED YOU.

21

22 **KATHY VANCE:** I HEARD THE NAME KATHY, I CAME UP. I APOLOGIZE.
23 I'M HERE. I DO HAVE MY NAME UP THERE. CAN I GO AHEAD AND SPEAK
24 SINCE I'M SITTING HERE?

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. OKAY. WELL, WE'LL GIVE YOU--
2 THAT'S PRETTY SNEAKY. [LAUGHTER]

3

4 **KATHY BENCE:** WELL, IT WASN'T BECAUSE I THOUGHT, OH MY
5 HANDWRITING WAS BAD. MAYBE THEY DIDN'T READ IT PROPERLY.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. TAKE YOUR MINUTE. GO AHEAD.

8

9 **KATHY BENCE:** OKAY. SO MUCH HAS BEEN SPOKEN ABOUT THE COST OF
10 THIS, OF CHANGING THIS SEAL, AND I HAD ASSUMED THAT MAYBE THE
11 ONLY REASON THAT THE THREE OF YOU THAT DIDN'T VOTE TO MAINTAIN
12 THE SEAL THE WAY IT IS IS YOU WERE AFRAID OF THE A.C.L.U. AND
13 ALL THE COSTS THAT IT WOULD BE. BUT YOU KNOW THERE ARE SO MANY
14 PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICES WILLING TO DO THIS AND NOT COST L.A.
15 COUNTY ANY MONEY, THEY WILL DONATE THEIR TIME TO MAKE SURE
16 THAT THE A.C.L.U. IS FOUGHT. AND I ALSO WANT TO MENTION THAT,
17 OF COURSE, THIS WILL LEAD NEXT TO CHANGING THE NAME OF OUR
18 CITY, BECAUSE HOW CAN WE REMAIN LOS ANGELES, THE CITY OF
19 ANGELS? AN OBVIOUS REFERENCE TO RELIGION. SO THAT WILL BE--
20 THEN THE NEXT THING WE'LL HAVE TO DO IS CHANGE THE NAME OF OUR
21 CITY.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND, KATHY, WHAT'S YOUR LAST
24 NAME?

25



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1 **KATHY BENCE:** BENCE, B-E-N-C-E.

2

3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. TOM GUFREY.

4

5 **TOM GUFREY:** YES, SIR, THANK YOU. I'M TOM GUFREY, COLLEGE
6 INSTRUCTOR AT CAL STATE LONG BEACH AND MARYMOUNT COLLEGE,
7 PALOS VERDES. RIDICULE FROM THE ANTI-LIBERTY A.C.L.U. WAS A
8 BADGE OF HONOR WORN PROUDLY BY THE GREAT PRESIDENT REAGAN.
9 HE'S THE BEST FREEDOM FIGHTER FOR THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE. I
10 HONOR THIS HERO WITH COMMENTS I'M MAKING. CALIFORNIA'S
11 HISTORY, THE A.C.L.U. WOULD STEAL BY ERASING A CROSS FROM
12 L.A.'S COUNTY SEAL. A HUGE PAGAN GODDESS ON THE SEAL, THAT'S
13 OKAY, BUT A TINY LITTLE CROSS, HEY, NO WAY! THE A.C.L.U. IS
14 ANTI-DEMOCRATIC WITH A NARCISSISTIC STYLE. IF THEY HAD A LATE
15 NIGHT T.V. SHOW, THEY'D CALL IT LEGAL BULLIES GONE WILD. [
16 LAUGHTER] HEED WELL THE WORDS OF DENNIS PRAGER, A WISE,
17 THOUGHTFUL GOOD MAN. DENNIS RIGHTLY CALLS THE A.C.L.U. THE
18 SECULAR TALIBAN. I'M GUESSING THE A.C.L.U. IS ALL SET IN THE
19 FUTURE TO SUE THE ALPHABET. YES, THEY'LL FILE A SUIT TO REMOVE
20 THE LETTER "T" AND DO IT AT ANY COST. THE REASON TO REMOVE THE
21 LETTER "T", YOU SEE, A "T" LOOKS JUST LIKE A CROSS! [LAUGHTER
22]

23

24 **TOM GUFREY:** TO GLORIA MOLINA, TO YVONNE BURKE, TO ZEV
25 YAROSLAVSKY, I SAY RESPECTFULLY TO ALL THREE OF YOU, IF YOU



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1 WISH TO GET REELECTED, HAVE THE GUTS TO FIGHT THE A.C.L.U.!!!

2 [ENTHUSIASTIC CHEERS AND APPLAUSE] [GAVEL]

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE! MY MICROPHONE CONTINUES TO NOT

5 WORK. [LAUGHTER]

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WE'VE GOT DR. JACK HAYFORD, WE'VE GOT

8 GENEVIEVE BEHIND YOU THERE AND DR. BRENT PRICE, AND I WOULD

9 ASK GEORGE MUTAFYAN, IF I'VE SAID THAT CORRECTLY, PLEASE, COME

10 FORWARD. OKAY. JACK AND THEN GENEVIEVE, AND THEN DR. PRICE.

11 JACK.

12

13 **PASTOR JACK HAYFORD:** PASTOR JACK HAYFORD REPRESENTING THE

14 CONGREGATION OF THE CHURCH ON THE WAY IN VAN NUYS AND ALSO

15 MORE THAN 200 FOURSQUARE CHURCHES IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA

16 WHICH I NOW SERVE BY REASON OF JUST HAVING BECOME PRESIDENT-

17 ELECT OF THE DENOMINATION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AS A RESULT OF

18 THE ACTION OF OUR CONVENTION LAST WEEK IN SAN FRANCISCO. I'VE

19 HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING HERE BEFORE, BUT BY YOUR

20 INVITATION, AS I'VE LED IN PRAYER HERE IN THE CHAMBERS AND

21 BEEN HONORED TO DO SO. IT'S IRONIC THAT, KNOWING, OF COURSE,

22 YOUR CONSENT AND WELCOME TO THAT ACTION, THAT WE SHOULD BE

23 HERE ON THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE, WHICH I'M SURE IS EMBARRASSING

24 TO THE THREE OF YOU WHO VOTED AGAINST THE ISSUE BECAUSE-- IT

25 IS NOT MY JUDGMENT THAT THAT WAS SOMETHING THAT WAS DONE WITH



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1 MALICIOUS INDIFFERENCE TOWARDS RELIGIOUS OR SPIRITUAL
2 INTERESTS BUT SOMETHING THAT CHARACTERIZES THE PRESSURES OF
3 OUR TIME THAT CREATE A MILIEU OF REAL CONFUSION IN OUR
4 SOCIETY. I WANT TO JUST SAY HOW GRATEFUL I AM FOR THE TWO OF
5 YOU WHO STOOD AT THAT POINT AND TRUST THAT ALL OF YOU WILL
6 JOIN US. I PREPARED MY REMARKS IN HOPING FOR THE THREE MINUTES
7 USUALLY GRANTED. I WILL CUT IT DRASTICALLY.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE, YOU'VE USED A MINUTE ALREADY, SO...

10

11 **DR. JACK HAYFORD:** I UNDERSTAND.

12

13 **VOICE:** [INAUDIBLE]

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ...YOU COULD-- PARDON ME?

16

17 **VOICE:** [INAUDIBLE]

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

20

21 **PASTOR JACK HAYFORD:** I WILL NOT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ALL THAT
22 TIME GIVEN. I WANTED TO QUALIFY MY REMARKS, I HOPE YOU
23 RECOGNIZE, OUT OF RESPECT FOR YOU. THIS ISSUE, WHICH HAS BEEN
24 ADDRESSED SO WELL THAT MANY THINGS I WOULD HAVE SAID WILL NOT.
25 NOTICE ONE THING THAT HAS NOT BEEN MENTIONED AS YET. NOT BEING



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1 SYMBOLIC, IT AFFECTS THE DAY-TO-DAY SUBSTANCE OF LIFE FOR MANY
2 OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR CULTURE. ACTIONS OF THE A.C.L.U.
3 THROUGHOUT OUR NATION ARE CREATING A CLIMATE OF FEAR ON SCHOOL
4 CAMPUSES WHERE, TODAY, YOUTH ARE PROHIBITED FROM HAVING BIBLE
5 CLUBS WHEN NEW AGE AND MUSLIM GROUPS ARE ALLOWED. HIGH
6 SCHOOLERS ARE THREATENED BECAUSE THEY BOW TO PRAY OVER THEIR
7 LUNCH PRIVATELY IN A SCHOOL CAFETERIA. PRINCIPALS WILL ATTEMPT
8 TO STOP THEM IN THIS ENVIRONMENT. I PASTOR PEOPLE THAT THIS
9 HAS HAPPENED TO. THESE NON-INTRUSIVE, NON-COERCIVE ACTIVITIES
10 THAT DECREASE PEOPLE'S FREEDOM-- THAT ARE NOT DECREASING
11 FREEDOMS IN ANYBODY-- IN OUR CULTURE TODAY ARE BECAUSE OF THE
12 CLIMATE OF FEAR A.C.L.U. CREATES. THEY DO NOT PROTECT OUR
13 LIBERTIES. THE DECEPTIVE TERMINOLOGY SO OFTEN QUOTED, THAT A
14 WALL BE KEPT BETWEEN THE CHURCH AND STATE IS NOT EVEN IN THE
15 UNITED STATES' CONSTITUTION. A WALL AGAINST RELIGIOUS
16 PERSECUTION IS BEING BROKEN DOWN AND IT'S TIME TO REQUEST YOUR
17 STRENGTH OF STAND IN OUR INTEREST AS WE PLEAD BY MANY VOICES
18 TODAY TO BE BOLD AND STRONG AT THIS HOUR.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GENEVIEVE. GIVE GENEVIEVE THE
21 MICROPHONE BACK THERE.

22

23 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I JUST
24 WANT, FIRST OF ALL, TO GIVE MY THANKS TO SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
25 AND SUPERVISOR KNABE TO FIGHT FOR THE CONVICTION. IT MEANS A



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1 LOT TO ME AND I AM VERY CONCERNED THAT, FIRST OF ALL, IT'S NOT
2 YOUR SEAL. IT'S OUR SEAL. AND WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO FIGHT TO
3 DEFEND IT AND IF PEOPLE HERE TODAY SHOW THAT PEOPLE DO CARE
4 AND WE ARE TIRED OF PEOPLE TAKING DECISIONS IN OUR NAME
5 WITHOUT OUR OPINION AND HAVE CONTINUED CONSISTENTLY AND, FOR
6 ONCE, I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO CHANGE YOUR DECISION AND FIGHT
7 THE A.C.L.U. FOR ONCE, DARE TO FIGHT, DARE TO WIN. AND I SAY
8 YOU, YOU KNOW, YOU ARE LAYING DOWN WITHOUT EVEN HAVING ONE
9 MINUTE OF FIGHT. YOU KNOW, I WENT TO SURGERY YESTERDAY AND THE
10 ONLY THING I COULD THINK ABOUT IS IF I HAVE ENOUGH STRENGTH
11 TODAY TO SEE THE PEOPLE FOR ONCE FIGHT FOR THEIR RIGHT. DO NOT
12 GIVE UP OUR SEAL. FIGHT FOR IT. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, GENEVIEVE. HOPE YOU'RE FEELING
15 BETTER, GENEVIEVE. DR. PRICE AND THEN GEORGE AND THEN I'D LIKE
16 JERRY FERRSO AND THEN JOHN GOETSCH. I MAY HAVE MISPRONOUNCED
17 THAT. IT'S G-O-E-T-S-C-H, JOHN. OKAY, DR. PRICE?

18

19 **DR. BRENT PRICE:** MR. CHAIRMAN AND SUPERVISORS, I'M PASTOR
20 BRENT PRICE. I PASTOR THE BEVERLY HILLS FOURSQUARE CHURCH. THE
21 CENTRAL MESSAGE OF THE CROSS IS THAT, WHEN JESUS CHRIST WENT
22 ON THAT CROSS, HE TOOK IT UPON HIMSELF THE SIN OF THE WORLD,
23 HE DIED, WAS BURIED, BUT, ON THE THIRD DAY HE AROSE FROM THE
24 DEAD. THAT, AS MEN AND WOMEN, BOYS AND GIRLS ACCEPT HIM AS
25 SAVIOR, THEY ARE SAVED IN THEIR SIN AND BORN AGAIN. AND OUT OF



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1 THAT MESSAGE WERE THE MEN AND WOMEN THAT FOUNDED THIS GREAT
2 NATION, FOUNDED THIS GREAT CITY AND COUNTY, AND THE HEARTS OF
3 THOSE PEOPLE WERE BORN OUT OF THE CENTRAL MESSAGE OF THAT
4 CROSS. AND SO I URGE YOU TO RECONSIDER THE DECISION TO ALLOW
5 THE A.C.L.U. TO GO FORWARD WITH THEIR PLANS AND HAVE THAT
6 CROSS REMOVED, BECAUSE THAT CROSS HAS SO MANY DEEP MESSAGES TO
7 ALL OF HUMANITY AND CENTRAL, OF COURSE, IS THAT WE MUST
8 RECEIVE OUR SALVATION IN CHRIST, AND I ENCOURAGE ANYONE IN THE
9 SOUND OF MY VOICE TODAY WHO HAS NOT TAKEN THAT STEP TO DO THAT
10 IMMEDIATELY AND RECEIVE HIM AS SAVIOR AND HE'LL DO THE RIGHT
11 THING.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GEORGE, AND THEN JERRY AND THEN
14 JOHN. AND, AGAIN, A REMINDER, TO STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE
15 RECORD. GEORGE.

16

17 **GEORGE MUTAFYAN:** GOOD MORNING, DEAR HONORABLE CHAIRMAN AND
18 HONORABLE BOARD MEMBERS. THANKS TO AMERICA, I AM REBORN
19 CHRISTIAN. I IMMIGRATED FROM THE SOVIET UNION, A COMMUNIST,
20 NONRELIGIOUS COUNTRY OVER 25 YEARS AGO, BURYING MY FATHER IN
21 IRAN DURING _____ IMMIGRATION. I WAS EDUCATED IN THE
22 HIGHEST OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS YET I WAS A NARROW-MINDED
23 ATHEIST, AS THE SOVIET TAUGHT ME. THIS, DESPITE THAT I AM
24 ARMENIAN, WHICH IS THE FIRST CHRISTIAN COUNTRY IN THE WORLD.
25 WE HAD ENEMIES WHO TRIED TO CHANGE US, CHANGE OUR RELIGION,



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1 TRIED TO CHANGE OUR HISTORY, TRIED TO CHANGE AND DESTROY OUR
2 COUNTRY, BUT WE SURVIVED. WE EVEN SURVIVED GENOCIDE BECAUSE WE
3 DID NOT GIVE UP OUR RELIGION. I EMBRACED AMERICA AS THE WAY IT
4 IS. I GAVE UP MY DISSERTATION FOR MY PH.D. JUST TO COME TO
5 AMERICA. I URGE THIS BOARD TO NOT REWRITE THIS COUNTY'S
6 HISTORY. ANY CHANGE OF THE PAST HISTORY, CALLED ARTIFACTS, IS
7 A DISTORTION OF THE HISTORY AND FACT, WHICH IS A CRIME.
8 ARMENIANS ARE STILL SUFFERING FROM THIS CRIME. TOGETHER, WE
9 CAN CHANGE THE FUTURE BUT NOT THE PAST. IF YOU DECIDE TO TAKE
10 THE CROSS OFF, SHOULD YOU ALSO TAKE THE COW OFF IT BECAUSE IT
11 IS WORSHIPED BY THE INDIANS? DO YOU PLAN TO CHANGE THE NAME OF
12 THE COUNTY, WHICH STANDS FOR THE ANGELS? AND WOULD YOU LIKE
13 TO-- I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR STANDING
14 UP FOR WHAT IS RIGHT. I AM PROUD THAT HE IS ON THIS BOARD AND
15 GOD BLESS YOU ALL. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. JERRY AND THEN I'D ASK DANIELLE
18 CHAPPEL TO COME UP.

19

20 **JERRY FERRSO:** MY NAME IS JERRY FERRSO AND, MR. CHAIRMAN, I
21 WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO YOU THIS
22 MORNING AND ALSO THE FELLOW COUNCIL MEMBERS. I WANT TO THANK
23 YOU FOR SERVING THIS GREAT COUNTY AND I WANT TO ENCOURAGE YOU
24 TO TAKE A STAND FOR THAT CROSS. THAT CROSS SYMBOLIZES
25 SACRIFICE AND WE SERVE IN A GREAT STATE HERE BECAUSE PEOPLE



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1 HAVE PAID A GREAT SACRIFICE. NOT ONLY DOES THE CROSS REPRESENT
2 SACRIFICE BUT IT ALSO REPRESENTS A UNCONDITIONAL LOVE THAT GOD
3 HAS FOR PEOPLE. IT ALSO REPRESENTS FREEDOM THAT EACH OF US
4 ENJOY AND I WANT TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO TAKE A STAND FOR WHAT IS
5 TRUE AND WHAT IS RIGHT AND I PRAY THAT YOU WOULD ALLOW YOUR
6 HEART AND WHAT HAS BEEN SAID TO CHANGE YOUR MIND IF YOU VOTED
7 TO TAKE THE CROSS OFF OF THAT SYMBOL. THE WORD OF GOD SAYS
8 THIS: FOR THE PREACHING OF THE CROSS IS, TO THEM THAT PERISH,
9 FOOLISHNESS BUT, UNTO US WHICH ARE SAVED, IS THE POWER OF GOD.
10 THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'D ASK GLEN JACKSON AND CHRIS
13 EDWARDS TO JOIN US, PLEASE. JOHN?

14

15 **JOHN GOETSCH:** MY NAME IS JOHN GOETSCH. THANK YOU, MR.
16 CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. SPECIFICALLY, ON BEHALF OF DR.
17 PAUL CHAPEL, PASTOR OF LANCASTER BAPTIST CHURCH IN LANCASTER,
18 CALIFORNIA, THE LANCASTER BAPTIST SCHOOLS AND THE WEST COAST
19 BAPTIST COLLEGE AND, GENERALLY, ON BEHALF OF CHRISTIANS IN LOS
20 ANGELES COUNTY, I WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST THAT YOU HONOR THE
21 GREAT HISTORY OF OUR COUNTY AND ALSO OUR NATION BY HAVING THE
22 SYMBOL OF THE CROSS ON OUR COUNTY SEAL. WE RESPECT THE RIGHTS
23 OF EVERY PERSON TO WORSHIP AS THEY PLEASE BUT WHY, IN THIS
24 21ST CENTURY CULTURE OF TOLERANCE, ARE WE SO INTOLERANT OF THE
25 CHRISTIAN FAITH WHICH REPRESENTS THE VERY FABRIC OF AMERICAN



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1 SOCIETY? GEORGE WASHINGTON, IN HIS FAREWELL ADDRESS TO THE
2 NATION, WARNED, OF ALL THE DISPOSITIONS AND HABITS WHICH LEAD
3 TO POLITICAL PROSPERITY, RELIGION AND MORALITY ARE
4 INDISPENSABLE SUPPORTS AND LET US, WITH CAUTION, INDULGE THE
5 SUPPOSITION THAT MORALITY CAN BE MAINTAINED WITHOUT RELIGION."
6 THOMAS JEFFERSON APTLY WROTE, "CAN THE LIBERTIES OF A NATION
7 BE THOUGHT SECURE WHEN WE HAVE REMOVED THEIR ONLY FIRM BASIS,
8 A CONVICTION IN THE HEARTS OF PEOPLE THAT THESE LIBERTIES ARE
9 A GIFT FROM GOD? RELIGION, HE CONCLUDED, SHOULD BE REGARDED AS
10 A SUPPLEMENT TO THE LAW IN THE GOVERNMENT OF MEN AND THE ALPHA
11 AND THE OMEGA OF THE MORAL LAW." EVERY ONE OF THESE FOUR
12 FOUNDING FATHERS REPRESENTS A DIFFERENT RELIGIOUS PERSUASION
13 BUT EACH OF THEM KNEW THAT, WITHOUT GOD, WE ARE NOTHING. BUT
14 THERE ARE MORE IMPORTANT WORDS...

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IF YOU CAN WRAP IT UP, YOUR TIME IS UP.

17

18 **JOHN DOETSCH:** ...TO BE CONSIDERED THAN THOSE OF WASHINGTON OR
19 JEFFERSON OR THE APOSTLE PAUL OR ANYONE WHO SITS AT THIS
20 PODIUM. THEY ARE THE WORDS OF GOD HIMSELF WHO GIVETH TO ALL
21 LIFE, BREATH, AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS. I URGE EACH ONE OF
22 YOU TO PONDER HIS WORDS IN THE BOOK OF PSALMS, "THE WICKED
23 SHALL BE TURNED INTO HELL AND ALL THE NATIONS THAT FORGET
24 GOD."

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND, AGAIN, I WOULD REMIND ALL
2 OF YOU, IF YOU COULD BE SENSITIVE TO THE TIME. WE STILL HAVE
3 MANY, MANY SPEAKERS, SO... DANIELLE CHAPPEL AND THEN I'M GOING
4 TO ASK STANLEY WILLIFORD TO JOIN US UP HERE, PLEASE. DANIELLE?

5

6 **DANIELLE CHAPPEL:** DANIELLE CHAPPEL FROM LANCASTER AND NORTHERN
7 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE ISSUE WE ARE FACING THIS MORNING IS
8 NOT RELATED TO OUR COUNTY ALONE. FOR SEVERAL YEARS ACROSS
9 AMERICA, THERE HAS BEEN A SYSTEMATIC ATTEMPT TO REMOVE ALL
10 REFERENCES TO GOD FROM PUBLIC PLACES. ATTORNEYS WHO ARE
11 TOLERANT OF FLAG BURNING AND PEDOPHILIA ARE INTOLERANT OF THE
12 SYMBOLS THAT REPRESENT THIS COUNTRY'S HERITAGE AND THE FAITH
13 OF OUR FOUNDING FATHERS. PLEASE STAND IN OPPOSITION TO THIS
14 REVISIONIST AND INTOLERANT AGENDA AND SAY "NO" TO THE A.C.L.U.
15 THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GLEN JACKSON, THEN I'D ASK PEG
18 LEE TO JOIN US AS WELL.

19

20 **GLEN JACKSON:** MY NAME IS GLEN JACKSON. I JUST, AS I WALKED IN,
21 IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE BEEN IN THIS BUILDING, OUT IN THE
22 FOYER, IT EXPLAINS THE SEAL AND IT SAYS THAT THE CROSS
23 REPRESENTS THE INFLUENCE OF CHRISTIANITY, NOT THE COMMAND TO
24 BE A CHRISTIAN. UP ON THE WALL THERE IS THE LAST PHRASE OF THE
25 GETTYSBURG ADDRESS. THE PHRASE BEFORE SAYS THAT SAYS, "THAT



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1 THIS NATION, UNDER GOD, SHALL HAVE A NEW BIRTH OF FREEDOM".
2 THE PREAMBLE TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION OF CALIFORNIA SAYS,
3 "WE, THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, GRATEFUL TO
4 ALMIGHTY GOD FOR OUR FREEDOM IN ORDER TO SECURE AND PERPETUATE
5 HIS BLESSINGS TO ESTABLISH THIS CONSTITUTION". THE LAST VERSE
6 IN THE NATIONAL ANTHEM, "THEN CONQUER WE MUST WHEN OUR CAUSE
7 IT IS JUST AND THIS BE OUR MOTTO, IN GOD IS OUR TRUST." LET ME
8 JUST GO THROUGH A COUPLE OF THINGS. THE MAYFLOWER COMPACT, THE
9 FIRST CONTRACT SIGNED IN THE UNITED STATES, CALLED FOR THE
10 PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL, THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.
11 WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS TO BE SELF-EVIDENT, THAT ALL MEN ARE
12 ENDOWED BY THEIR CREATOR. THE FIRST BIBLES PRINTED IN THE
13 UNITED STATES WERE PRINTED BY MONEY PROVIDED BY THE CONGRESS.
14 CHAPLAINS WERE APPOINTED THE FIRST DAY AFTER THE FIRST 10--
15 THE BILL OF RIGHTS WERE APPROVED. JOHN ADAMS, THE SECOND
16 PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, LED IN PRAYER AND I'M JUST
17 CURIOUS THAT-- BECAUSE MY TIME IS UP, I'VE NOTICED THAT THERE
18 IS NOT ONE PERSON THAT HAS SPOKEN IN FAVOR OF THE REMOVAL OF
19 THE CROSS. THERE'S A REASON FOR THAT. NOBODY APPROVES THE
20 REMOVAL OF THE ACROSS EXCEPT FOR THE A.C.L.U. AND THEY DO NOT
21 HAVE ENOUGH VOTES TO REELECT YOU. [INTERJECTIONS]
22
23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE! [GAVEL] [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE] [
24 GAVEL]
25



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE! DR. DORIS MORGAN, IF YOU'D JOIN US,
2 PLEASE. CHRIS.

3

4 **CHRIS EDWARDS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS CHRIS EDWARDS AND I
5 MUST SAY THAT, IF THE THREE OF YOU-- ACTUALLY, SUPERVISOR
6 YAROSLAVSKY WASN'T SO BAD ON THAT ISSUE, BUT IF YOU HAD SPENT
7 AS MUCH ENERGY AS SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAD SPENT IN ABROGATING
8 THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE TO COME SPEAK BEFORE THIS BODY, THE
9 MERRITT PROPOSITION SHE PUT FORWARD, TO LIMIT HOW PEOPLE CAN
10 SPEAK TO YOU, THEN PEOPLE MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN SO ANGRY BECAUSE
11 YOU PUT A LOT OF ENERGY IN LIMITING OUR RIGHTS TO SPEAK TO YOU
12 AS A PUBLIC ON THE DAY THE PUBLIC BRINGS BUSINESS TO YOU. YOU
13 DIDN'T EVEN SO MUCH AS WHIMPER OF A FIGHT. YOU ROLLED RIGHT ON
14 OVER AND SAID, "TAKE IT. IT'S YOURS." THAT'S WHY PEOPLE ARE
15 ANGRY. WE HAVE ASKED YOU TO FIGHT. THAT IS THE LEAST YOU CAN
16 DO AS OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS. [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

17

18 **CHRIS EDWARDS:** I'M PROUD TO SAY THAT MY ELECTED OFFICIAL DID
19 WHAT I WANTED HIM TO DO. SAVE OUR SEAL. AT LEAST ATTEMPT THE
20 FIGHT. AT LEAST BEFORE YOU GIVE IT UP. RESCIND YOUR VOTE! DO
21 WHAT THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES ARE TRYING TO GET THROUGH TO
22 YOUR SKULLS! WE HAVE ASKED FOR YOU TO RESCIND YOUR VOTE.
23 PLEASE DO! PLEASE, FOR ONCE, SHOW THAT AN ELECTED OFFICIAL
24 LISTENS TO THEIR POPULOUS VOTE, TO THE PEOPLE WHO VOTE FOR



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1 THEM. WE RECALLED DAVIS BECAUSE HE CHOSE TO STOP LISTENING. [
2 CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

3

4 **CHRIS EDWARDS:** PLEASE LISTEN AND RESCIND THE VOTE AND FIGHT!
5 THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE. I ASK FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. OKAY?
8 I KNOW THERE'S A LOT OF PASSION IN THE ROOM AND I'M PASSIONATE
9 ABOUT THE ISSUE AS WELL, TOO, BUT IF WE COULD HAVE YOUR
10 COOPERATION, WE CAN CONTINUE TO ALLOW EVERYONE TO BE ABLE TO
11 TESTIFY IN AN APPROPRIATE MANNER. STANLEY, AND THEN I'D ASK
12 ELMIAS A-L-E-M-A-Y-P-H-U. IF YOU'D COME FORWARD. AND THEN-- GO
13 AHEAD. STANLEY?

14

15 **STANLEY WILLIFORD:** YES. MY NAME IS STANLEY WILLIFORD AND I
16 JUST HAVE A QUESTION TO ASK AND THAT IS, IS ANYONE ON THE
17 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SO DELUDED AS TO BELIEVE THAT THIS WILL
18 END HERE, IT WILL END WITH THE CROSS BEING REMOVED? ARE WE SO
19 DELUDED THAT WE DON'T THINK IT WILL TAKE ANOTHER TURN, THAT IT
20 WILL START WITH REMOVING THE BIBLE FROM THE COURTROOM OR
21 REMOVING REFERENCES TO GOD IN ANY OTHER PLACE IN PUBLIC LIFE?
22 SO I'M ASKING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO NOT CAPITULATE ON
23 THIS ISSUE TO THE A.C.L.U., THAT WE TAKE A STAND, THAT WE
24 STAND UP FOR WHAT WE KNOW IS RIGHT. THIS IS A REVISIONIST'S
25 THEORY, THIS IS A REVISIONIST'S EFFORT. THEY WANT TO REWRITE



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1 HISTORY AND THAT IS NOT WHAT WE ARE FOR. WE ARE AGAINST THIS.
2 THE CROSS IS A VERY MEANINGFUL SYMBOL IN THIS NATION AND IT
3 MEANS A LOT TO NOT ONLY THOSE WHO ARE CHRISTIANS BUT OTHERS,
4 AS DENNIS PRAGER POINTED OUT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. PEG LEE, AND I'D ASK MARGARET
7 BROWN TO JOIN TO JOIN US UP HERE, PLEASE.

8

9 **PEG LEE:** I COME FROM THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. LAST NIGHT, PASTOR
10 CAGE ASKED ME TO ASK YOU ALL WHY YOU'RE CHIPPING AWAY HISTORY
11 BECAUSE SHE SAYS YOU'RE CHIPPING AWAY, WE DON'T HAVE A
12 FOUNDATION. WELL, I'M GOING TO TELL YOU, FOR 10 YEARS, UNTIL
13 ABOUT FOUR YEARS AGO, I WAS CHIPPING AWAY WITH WHAT I BELIEVE
14 IN. I DID NOT WEAR MY CROSS JEWELRY BECAUSE I DID NOT WANT TO
15 INSULT MY EX-HUSBAND BECAUSE HE SAID IT REMINDED HIM OF
16 SOMETHING DEAD. BUT, YOU SEE, I WAS IN A STATE OF DENIAL. I
17 DIDN'T FIND OUT, UNTIL AFTER THE DIVORCE, THAT THE REASON WHY
18 IT REMINDED HIM OF SOMETHING DEAD IS BECAUSE HE DIDN'T BELIEVE
19 IN TRINITY AND SO I FEEL SO GOOD THAT I CAN WEAR MY JEWELRY.
20 YOU KNOW, I TOOK THAT CHOICE BECAUSE HE WAS THE HEAD OF THE
21 HOUSE. AND I'M ASKING YOU ALL, YOU ARE THE HEAD OF THE HOUSE
22 FOR US AND I WANT YOU JUST TO THINK ABOUT WHAT I'M SAYING
23 BECAUSE, SEE, THAT WAS CHIPPING AWAY AT ME FOR 10 YEARS. IT
24 SENT ME TO A PSYCHIATRIST AND MY BISHOP DIDN'T EVEN KNOW IT.
25 AND I HAD TO WEAR HIM DOWN BECAUSE I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT WAS



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1 HAPPENING TO ME BECAUSE I HAD TO DENY SOMETHING THAT I
2 BELIEVED IN. BUT NOW, I FEEL GOOD. I CAN WEAR THAT. BUT I'M
3 ASKING YOU, AS THE HEAD OF OUR HOUSE, PLEASE TAKE INTO
4 CONSIDERATION THAT THERE'S MANY OF US. AND, YOU KNOW, ANOTHER
5 THING, THIS PIN, THE COUNTY'S BEEN GIVING THESE PINS OUT, AND
6 I GAVE MINE AWAY TO A VOLUNTEER, YOU KNOW, BECAUSE I GOT A LOT
7 OF THOSE AWARDS AND I THANK YOU ALL FOR THOSE, AND THEN MY SON
8 WORKED FOR THE COUNTY, TOO, AND SO I SAID THAT I WAS GOING TO
9 SEND HIM HIS BUT WHEN I HEARD THIS SUNDAY IN CHURCH, I TOOK
10 THIS PIN, MY BABY CANNOT HAVE THIS PIN. MAMA GOING TO WEAR
11 THIS PIN BECAUSE THIS PIN IS SO DEAR TO ME NOW FOR THE COUNTY
12 AND I ASK YOU ALL, PLEASE, YOU'RE THE HEAD OF US. PLEASE,
13 PLEASE RECONSIDER!

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** DR. DORIS MORGAN, AND THEN I'D ASK
18 MAGDALENE HO TO JOIN US, PLEASE. DR. MORGAN?

19

20 **DR. DORIS MORGAN:** I'M DR. DORIS MORGAN AND THIS IS THE FIRST
21 TIME I'VE EVER BEEN HERE. VERY PASSIONATE ABOUT THIS. I AM A
22 FAMILY AND MARRIAGE LICENSED THERAPIST. I'M ALSO AN INSTRUCTOR
23 AND I HAVE TRAINED MY CHILDREN AND STUDENTS TO, SOONER OR
24 LATER, TO STAND UP TO A BULLY. WHEN WE HAVE A BULLY WHO IS
25 TRYING TO TAKE EVERYTHING YOU HAVE AND YOU DON'T STAND UP,



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1 SOONER OR LATER, HE'S GOING TO TAKE YOU. IT IS MY SADDEST
2 FEELING TO KNOW THAT A PERSON THAT I VOTED FOR AND I'VE
3 RESPECTED HAS, IT SEEMS LIKE, TURNED ON ME AND HASN'T STOOD UP
4 FOR ME. I WANT THE SEAL TO REMAIN. IT'S OUR TRADITION. IT'S
5 OUR HERITAGE. WE NEED IT. OUR CHILDREN NEED IT. DON'T TAKE IT
6 AWAY. I THANK THE TWO SUPERVISORS WHO DARED TO STAND UP FOR
7 US, THANK YOU FOR STANDING UP TO ME AND FOR BLACK PEOPLE WHO A
8 LOT OF PEOPLE THINK ARE NOT THINKING, ESPECIALLY CHRISTIANS,
9 BUT WE'RE AWAKE AND WE'RE ALIVE AND WE'RE GOING TO FIGHT
10 BECAUSE WE WILL NOT HAVE OUR CROSS TAKEN AWAY OR THE UNITED
11 STATES TAKEN AWAY BY SOMEBODY WHO DOES NOT RESPECT WHO WE ARE.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

14

15 **DR. DORIS G. MORGAN:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] [GAVEL]

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** COULD YOU TRY TO FIX MY MIC UP THERE? IT'S
18 NOT WORKING. [LAUGHTER]

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IS MARGARET BROWN OUT THERE? IS MARGARET
21 BROWN HERE? OKAY. I'D ASK THAT KATHY SULLIVAN JOIN US AND
22 PASTOR CRAIG HAYES OR WAYS, I'M NOT SURE WHICH ONE. YES, SIR.

23

24 **ERMIAS ALEMAYPHU:** HI. MY NAME IS ERMIAS ALEMAYPHU AND I'M A
25 MEMBER OF BOND, REVEREND JESSE LEE PETERSON'S ORGANIZATION.



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1 AND WHAT I REALIZE, JUST SITTING UP HERE IS THE BODY LANGUAGE
2 OF THE THREE OF THE SUPERVISORS WHO VOTED IN FAVOR OF TAKING
3 THE SEAL AWAY, THE CROSS AWAY. I NOTICED THAT YOU GUYS DON'T
4 LOOK AT THE PEOPLE THAT COME UP HERE TO SPEAK. YOU'RE NOT
5 REALLY PAYING ATTENTION AND, I'M TELLING YOU, PEOPLE HERE
6 VOTE. THIS IS A SERIOUS ISSUE AND I WOULD ADVISE YOU TO TAKE
7 THIS ISSUE VERY SERIOUSLY. WE FEEL VERY STRONGLY ABOUT THIS.
8 AS A YOUNG PERSON LIVING IN LOS ANGELES, THAT CROSS REPRESENTS
9 HOPE. IT REPRESENTS A DIFFERENT WAY OF LIFE FOR A LOT OF
10 PEOPLE THAT GROW UP IN HOUSEHOLDS WITHOUT TWO PARENTS AND, YOU
11 KNOW, I REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU GUYS WERE THINKING WHEN YOU
12 VOTED TO REMOVE THE CROSS. SO I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO RETHINK
13 IT AND DO THE RIGHT THING. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MAGDALENE, THEN FOLLOWED BY... [
16 APPLAUSE]

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE! KEEP THE HANDS HIGH. WHEN THEY'RE
19 HIGH, THEN THEY'RE NOT CLAPPING. OKAY. KATHY AND THEN PASTOR
20 AND THEN I'D ASK DAVID ROBBINS TO JOIN US AS WELL, TOO.
21 MAGDALENE?

22

23 **MAGDALENE HO:** YES. MY NAME IS MAGDALENE HO. I'M HERE BEHALF OF
24 MYSELF. OTHER PEOPLE HAD TALKED ABOUT DIFFERENT ISSUES MUCH
25 MORE ELOQUENTLY THAN I CAN. BUT I'M ALSO A COUNTY EMPLOYEE. I



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1 WORK FOR THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE SO APPRAISAL, DETERMINING WHAT
2 IS RIGHT, COMPLIANCE-- MAKE SURE THAT TAXPAYERS LIKE OURSELVES
3 ARE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE HISTORY AND WHAT COMES BEFORE IS
4 VERY IMPORTANT TO EVALUATE. SO, ON THE RIGHT AND WRONG, I JUST
5 WANT TO REITERATE IT, CONSIDER NOT ELIMINATING OR REWRITING
6 OUR HISTORY. BUT, IN TERMS OF COUNTING THE COST, I'D LIKE YOU
7 ALL TO MAYBE CONSIDER THIS. NOT ONLY JUST THE COST TO CHANGE
8 ALL THE SEALS, ET CETERA, BUT ALSO CONSIDER WHAT KIND OF
9 EXAMPLE THAT WOULD BE SET TO ALL THE EMPLOYEES IN THE COUNTY,
10 THAT WE ARE EXALTED TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT AT DIFFICULT COST TO
11 US, PERSONALLY, SO I'D LIKE TO EXALT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD TO
12 ALSO DO WHAT IS RIGHT, EVEN THOUGH IT MAY BE DIFFICULT. AND
13 THE THIRD WAY OF COUNTING THE COST IS THIS COULD BE OPENING TO
14 SOMETHING THAT IS NOT THE END. THIS IS NOT GOING TO BE IT.
15 SOMEBODY REFERRED TO OTHER SYMBOLS COULD ALSO BE TRANSLATED
16 AND INTERPRETED TO BE RELIGIOUS SYMBOLS. JUST LIKE ANY COURT
17 CASE PRECEDENT WOULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR APPRAISERS IN THE
18 FUTURE TO ARGUE, TO REALLY DETERMINE RIGHT VALUES, A DECISION
19 THAT IS NOT RIGHT HERE FROM THIS COUNTY WOULD IMPACT MANY
20 OTHER COUNTIES, MANY OTHER CITIES AS WELL. I JUST WANT TO
21 APPEAL TO YOU TO RECONSIDER YOUR DECISION AND I WANT TO THANK
22 YOU.

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. KATHY AND THEN SOLOMON, AND THEN
25 I'M GOING TO ASK YOLANDA PORTO TO JOIN US, PLEASE.



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2 **CATHY SULLIVAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON OR GOOD MORNING. I'M CATHY
3 SULLIVAN, CITY OF LOS ANGELES. CHAIRMAN KNABE AND MEMBERS OF
4 THE BOARD, I'M THOROUGHLY CONFUSED ABOUT THIS WHOLE ISSUE OF
5 THE CROSS. WHY WOULD YOU WISH TO ELIMINATE THE CROSS, WHICH
6 HAS BEEN THE INSPIRATION THAT HAS LED TO THE CREATION OF THE
7 GREATEST COUNTRY ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH, THE UNITED STATES
8 OF AMERICA? WHY WOULD YOU WISH TO ELIMINATE THE CROSS THAT HAS
9 BEEN THE INSPIRATION FOR THE GREATEST MUSIC, ART, LITERATURE,
10 AND ARCHITECTURE THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN? THE CROSS INSPIRED
11 THE BUILDING OF HOSPITALS AND ORPHANAGES AND ALL OF THE
12 CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS THAT WE KNOW OF TODAY, INCLUDING THE
13 RED CROSS. THE CROSS HAS BEEN THE INSPIRATION AND THE SYMBOL
14 OF HOPE FOR COUNTLESS MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WHO ARE ADDICTED, FOR
15 THE HOMELESS, FOR THE DOWNTRODDEN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. WHY
16 WOULD YOU WANT TO ELIMINATE A SYMBOL THAT MEANS ORDER AND
17 PROSPERITY AND SECURITY? LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WHY? THANK YOU
18 VERY MUCH.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [SCATTERED APPLAUSE]

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PASTOR AND THEN FOLLOWED BY DAVID ROBBINS
23 AND THEN FOLLOWED BY YOLANDA PORTO, AND THEN I'M GOING TO ASK
24 HONEY MORIN TO JOIN US, PLEASE.

25



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1 **PASTOR L. CRAIG HAYS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I'M
2 PASTOR L. CRAIG HAYS, THE ADMINISTRATIVE PASTOR OF CRENSHAW
3 CHRISTIAN CENTER OF LOS ANGELES. ON BEHALF DOCTORS FRED AND
4 BETTY PRICE AND CRENSHAW CHRISTIAN CENTER, OUR POSITION IS
5 THAT WE AGREE WITH SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S MOTION TO REJECT
6 THE COMPROMISE WITH THE A.C.L.U. TO REMOVE THE CROSS FROM THE
7 COUNTY SEAL. REMOVING THIS SEAL WOULD NOT ONLY REWRITE AN
8 IMPORTANT FACET OF THE COUNTY'S HISTORY BUT IT WOULD BE A
9 WASTE OF TAXPAYERS' MONEY AND COUNTY TIME. WE BELIEVE THAT
10 THIS IS AN EFFORT TO REMOVE HISTORICAL FACTS THAT CHRISTIANITY
11 PLAYED IN THE FORMATION OF THIS GREAT COUNTY. THIS IS EXACTLY
12 HOW STALIN AND OTHER WORLD COMMUNIST LEADERS BEGAN SUCCESSFUL
13 CAMPAIGNS THAT LED TO THE ELIMINATION OF THE GOD-GIVEN RIGHTS
14 TO FREE EXERCISE OF RELIGION IN COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD. WE
15 FURTHER FEEL THAT IT IS TIME FOR THIS ELECTED BODY TO
16 REPRESENT THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE ELECTED THEM. IT IS TIME FOR
17 ACCOUNTABILITY AND TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT, NOT WHAT IS
18 POLITICALLY CORRECT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [SCATTERED APPLAUSE]

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MR. ROBBINS, THEN I'M GOING TO ASK HAL
23 SCHWIMMER.

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1 **DAVID ROBBINS:** I'M DAVID ROBBINS, FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE
2 REPUBLICAN PARTY IN THE 49TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT AND ASSOCIATED
3 WITH THE CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF BIBLICAL RESEARCH. AND I'D
4 LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR MAKING THIS POSSIBLE
5 TODAY, THAT WE HAVE THE FREEDOM TO SPEAK. AND I PRAYERFULLY
6 WOULD ASK FOR THE OTHER-- FOR THE THREE SUPERVISORS WHO VOTED
7 INCORRECTLY, I BELIEVE, TO PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER THAT THIS
8 CROSS REPRESENTS NOT JUST THE PASSION THAT WE ARE PRESENTING
9 TODAY BUT THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST. AND THIS IS A CHRISTIAN
10 NATION, ACCORDING TO THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
11 THREE SEPARATE TIMES. AND I'D LIKE YOU TO THINK ABOUT
12 PRESIDENT LINCOLN, HOW HE SAID THAT THE BEST GIFT THAT OUR GOD
13 HAS GIVEN TO MANKIND IS THE BIBLE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YOLANDA.

16

17 **YOLANDA PORTO:** YES, MY NAME IS YOLANDA PORTO AND I WANT TO
18 THANK MR. ANTONOVICH AND MR. KNABE FOR TAKING THE STAND THAT
19 THEY DID. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT THERE'S A LOT OF ARGUMENT
20 QUITE OFTEN STATING THAT THERE'S A-- THAT THE STATE AND THE
21 RELIGION IS IN OPPOSITION. THE CONSTITUTION SAYS THAT CONGRESS
22 SHALL MAKE NO LAW RESPECTING AN ESTABLISHMENT OF RELIGION OR
23 PROHIBITING THE FREE EXERCISE THEREOF. SO NOWHERE IN THE
24 CONSTITUTION DOES IT SAY THAT THERE'S A SEPARATION OF CHURCH
25 AND STATE. ALSO, THE A.C.L.U. HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED-- WAS



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1 ESTABLISHED IN 1920. THE DIRECTOR OF IT FOR 47 YEARS WAS A
2 COMMUNIST. THE A.C.L.U., ESTABLISHED, IS AN UN-AMERICAN
3 ORGANIZATION FOUNDED TO SUBVERT THE AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONAL
4 SOVEREIGN REPUBLIC AND THEY'RE TRYING TO DO IT IN A VERY-- IN
5 SMALL STEPS AND IT'S HAPPENING. IT EVEN HAS AFFECTED OUR
6 JUDICIAL SYSTEM, THAT WE NO LONGER CAN HAVE LOTS OF FREEDOMS
7 THAT WE HAVE A RIGHT TO, AND OUR REPRESENTATIVES, WHO TAKE AN
8 OATH OF OFFICE TO DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION, SHOULD PROTECT ALL
9 OF THOSE RIGHTS.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

12

13 **YOLANDA PORTO:** BY THE WAY, ONE MORE THING. THE AGENDA IS FOR--
14 IT'S AN ATHEISTIC AGENDA THAT THEY'RE PERPETRATING ON US
15 BECAUSE THE NEW WORLD RELIGION, THE GLOBALISTS, ARE PUSHING
16 THIS AGENDA.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

19

20 **YOLANDA PORTO:** OKAY? AND I'VE GOT THINGS HERE THAT YOU CAN
21 READ. THEY EVEN HAVE-- THEY EVEN SHOW AN ARC OF HOPE, THEY
22 CALL IT, BASED STRICTLY ON WHAT THE JUDEO-CHRISTIANS BELIEVE,
23 THAT WAS THE ARK OF THE COVENANT.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. IF YOU CAN WRAP IT UP. THANK YOU.



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2 **YOLANDA PORTO:** YEAH, OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. HONEY AND THEN HAL SCHWIMMER AND
5 MATTHEW SHAPIRO AND NELSON CYR.

6

7 **HONEY MORIN:** MY NAME IS HONEY MORIN AND I'M HERE TO ASK THAT
8 WE NOT ACCEPT THE COMPROMISE TO REMOVE THE CROSS FROM OUR
9 COUNTY SEAL. I THINK IT'S INADMISSIBLE THAT THE A.C.L.U.
10 CONSISTENTLY SINGLES OUT ONE SPECIFIC GROUP OF PEOPLE AND
11 BELIEF SYSTEM. IT SEEMS THAT, IN THIS DAY OF TOLERANCE, WE ARE
12 ENCOURAGED TO BE TOLERANT OF EVERYTHING, INCLUDING VARIOUS
13 FACETS OF CRIME, BUT WE ARE SUPPOSED TO BE INTOLERANT OF
14 CHRISTIANITY. FURTHERMORE, I THINK, JUST AS THE TUNA FISH ON
15 OUR SEAL DOES NOT PROMOTE THE FISHING TRADE AT A
16 DISCRIMINATION OF OTHER VOCATIONS, KEEPING THE CROSS ON OUR
17 SEAL DOES NOT PROMOTE ANY CERTAIN RELIGION. IT SIMPLY
18 ACKNOWLEDGES THE ROLE THE SPANISH MISSIONS HAVE PLAYED IN THE
19 HISTORY OF LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU.

20

21 **HAL SCHWIMMER:** THAT'S RIGHT.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. HAL AND THEN WOULD ASK TRAVIS
24 TOLOR TO JOIN US, PLEASE.

25



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1 **HAL SCHWIMMER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS HAL SCHWIMMER, I'M A
2 MAGICIAN, I DO A LOT OF MAGIC SHOWS FOR SCHOOLS SO I KNOW A
3 LOT OF PRINCIPALS AND VICE-PRINCIPALS AND I'M A SINGLE FATHER.
4 MY SON'S UNDER THE TABLE AND MY PARENTS, JACK AND SARAH
5 SCHWIMMER, ARE HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS, REAL, GENUINE HOLOCAUST
6 SURVIVORS. MY MOM IS 87, MY DAD IS 90. I WAS ADOPTED BY THEM,
7 SO I'M NOT ACTUALLY JEWISH BY BLOOD BUT I AM JEWISH BY
8 RAISING. AND I GREW UP WITH FIRSTHAND KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT
9 HAPPENS WHEN WE ERASE HISTORY. SO I'M ADDRESSING THIS TO
10 GLORIA MOLINA, SUPERVISOR BURKE, AND ZEV YAROSLAVSKY. I WILL
11 SPEND ALL MY TIME, ALL MY SPARE TIME, ALL MY MONEY, AND ALL
12 THE INFLUENCE-- I'VE DONE A LOT OF MAGIC SHOWS FOR
13 CELEBRITIES, I HAVE A LOT OF CONTACTS. I WILL WORK NONSTOP TO
14 UN-ELECT YOU IF YOU RUN AGAIN, IF YOU VOTE THE WRONG WAY TODAY
15 AND, ALSO, I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT THE TALIBAN, THEY BLEW UP THE
16 HISTORICAL HISTORY OF-- EXCUSE ME, THE BIG BUDDHIST STATUES IN
17 AFGHANISTAN. THAT'S ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS THEY DID THAT I
18 HEARD ABOUT. AND SO, WHEN YOU START ERASING HISTORY, IT LEADS
19 TO NOTHING GOOD. THANKS FOR LETTING ME TALK.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MATTHEW SHAPIRO, THEN... [
22 APPLAUSE]

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE. HIGHER, HIGHER. TRAVIS TOLOR AND
25 THEN MARILYN MABBETT. OKAY. MATTHEW.



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2 **MATTHEW SHAPIRO:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS MATTHEW SHAPIRO. I'M
3 NOT GOING TO TALK ABOUT HISTORY. I WANT TO TALK ABOUT TRUE
4 CIVIL LIBERTIES. THE PATH WE'RE GOING DOWN NOW, I DON'T KNOW
5 WHERE IT'S GOING TO END BUT IT JUST MAKES ME WONDER WHEN
6 CHRISTMAS TREES ARE GOING TO BE OUTLAWED, WHEN SIKH INDIANS
7 WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO WEAR HAIR DRESSES. SUPERVISOR
8 YAROSLAVSKY, YOU CAN PROBABLY APPRECIATE THIS ONE, WHEN JEWISH
9 BOYS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO WEAR YAMAKAS TO SCHOOL. I JUST
10 DON'T KNOW WHERE IT'S GOING TO END. THE A.C.L.U. ARE NOT THE
11 PEOPLE. THE A.C.L.U. IS A BULLY ORGANIZATION WHICH IS TRYING
12 TO PUSH THEIR AGENDA AND YOU'RE COWERING IN FRONT OF THEM
13 INSTEAD OF ACCEPTING THE LEGAL HELP THAT YOU'VE BEEN OFFERED
14 FOR FREE TO FIGHT THEM. YOU NEED TO LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE. IF
15 YOU LOOK UP ON THE WALL THERE, I'M GOING TO READ IT, IT SAYS
16 THAT, "GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE, AND FOR THE
17 PEOPLE SHALL NOT PERISH FROM THIS EARTH". IF YOU LOOK AROUND
18 YOU, THESE ARE THE PEOPLE. THE PEOPLE ARE HERE. WE VOTED YOU
19 IN AND JUST LIKE GRAY DAVIS, WE CAN TAKE YOU OUT, AND YOU NEED
20 TO LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE BECAUSE, OBVIOUSLY, THIS IS WHAT THEY
21 WANT. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NELSON, AND THEN ARTURO
24 SANDOVAL.

25



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1 **NELSON CYR:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS NELSON CYR.
2 I ASK YOU TO RECONSIDER BECAUSE THE THREATENED LAWSUIT BY THE
3 U.C.L.A. HAS NO VIABLE LEGAL NOR CONSTITUTIONAL BASIS.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WAIT A MINUTE, IT'S A.C.L.U. DON'T INSULT MY
6 ALMA MATER. WE'RE HAVING ENOUGH TROUBLE WITHOUT... [LAUGHTER
7]

8

9 **NELSON CYR:** THE PRECEDENT CASES CITED BY THE A.C.L.U.
10 BASICALLY DO NOT ACCURATELY REFLECT THE PRINCIPLES OF THIS
11 CASE. THE A.C.L.U. HAS CONVENIENTLY FAILED TO CITE SIMILAR
12 CASES THAT HAVE BEEN ALREADY REJECTED BY THE SUPREME AND OTHER
13 COURTS, AND THIS IS NO MORE THAN A HARASSMENT ON THE PART OF
14 THE A.C.L.U., AND YOU MUST TAKE A STAND AGAINST THIS ODIIOUS
15 ORGANIZATION. LITERALLY, THIS IS THE ALAMO OF LOS ANGELES.
16 PLEASE TAKE A STAND. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. TRAVIS?

19

20 **TRAVIS TOLOR:** YES, MY NAME IS TRAVIS TOLOR. I'M JUST A CITIZEN
21 HERE. I'M NOT GOING TO TAKE A WHOLE LOT OF TIME IN GOING OVER
22 THIS. IF THE TESTIMONY AND THE CONVICTION AND PASSION OF
23 EVERYONE THAT SPOKE BEFORE HASN'T CHANGED YOUR MIND, YOU KNOW,
24 IT MAY NOT BE CHANGED, BUT I THINK THAT THIS ISSUE TRANSCENDS
25 JUST THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND THAT, YOU KNOW, AS THE



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1 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES GOES OR AS THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA GOES,
2 EVERYBODY LOOKS TO CALIFORNIA TO BE LEADERS AND I THINK THAT
3 WE SHOULD BE, THIS BOARD HERE, SHOULD BE A LEADER IN SAYING,
4 YOU KNOW WHAT? IT'S TIME THAT WE STAND UP AND WE DO WHAT IS
5 RIGHT FOR OUR COUNTY, FOR OUR PEOPLE, FOR, YOU KNOW, AS
6 EVERYBODY SAID BEFORE. WE VOTE YOU IN, WE CAN VOTE YOU OUT
7 AND, BELIEVE ME, EVERYONE HERE IS GOING TO LISTEN TO WHAT YOU
8 DO AFTER THIS SESSION TODAY. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MARILYN?

11

12 **ARNOVAL SANDOVAL:** YES. MY NAME IS ARNOVAL SANDOVAL. I'M FROM
13 PALMDALE AND I WANT TO THANK MR. KNABE AND MR. ANTONOVICH FOR
14 YOUR VOTE. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR MAINTAINING THE
15 CROSS ON THE SEAL. FOR SUPERVISOR BURKE AND YAROSLAVSKY AND
16 MS. MOLINA, I DON'T AGREE WITH YOUR VOTE BUT I DO FORGIVE YOU.
17 THE BIBLE SAYS THAT WE NEED TO FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER AND LOVE
18 ONE ANOTHER. I LOVE YOU AND I ASK YOU TO PLEASE RECONSIDER
19 YOUR VOTE AND SUPPORT THE CROSS ON OUR SEAL. THANK YOU VERY
20 MUCH.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YES.

23

24 **MARILYN MABBETT:** HI. I AM MARILYN MAY MABBETT. LAST WEEK, ONLY
25 FIVE PEOPLE WERE HERE TO SPEAK AS YOU TRYING TO PASS THIS



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1 AFTER A HOLIDAY WEEKEND. LOOK AT THIS ROOM. WHERE ARE THE
2 REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE A.C.L.U.? FROM MY PARENTS' DNA, I AM
3 ENGLISH, FRENCH AND BLACKFOOT INDIAN. MY FATHER FOUGHT FOR
4 WORLD FREEDOM DURING GUADALCANAL DURING WORLD WAR II WHICH WAS
5 DEPICTED IN THE MOVIE, "THE THIN RED LINE." THROUGHOUT MY LIFE
6 AND BEFORE HIS STROKE IN 1998, HIS FEAR WAS OF OUR FREEDOM
7 BEING TAKEN AWAY IN THIS COUNTRY LITTLE BY LITTLE, STARTING AT
8 THE COUNTY AND CITY LEVELS. TODAY IS A GREAT EXAMPLE. I WOULD
9 LIKE TO KNOW, WHO DIED AND MADE THE A.C.L.U. RESPONSIBLE FOR
10 AMERICANS IN GENERAL? JUST IN 2002, THEY WERE SUPPORTING
11 PEDOPHILES BY ABOLISHING LAWS THAT WERE TRYING TO BE MADE
12 AGAINST CHILD PORNOGRAPHY. I THINK L.A. COUNTY SHOULD UNITE
13 AND SHOW THAT WE HAVE RESPECT FOR OUR HERITAGE AND WHATEVER IT
14 TAKES TO FIGHT THIS EVIL ORGANIZATION. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'D ASK THAT... [APPLAUSE] [
17 GAVEL]

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ...ANDREW WIPPLER, JOHN CARLSON, GAIL
20 ZAUSS, AND DAVID HERNANDEZ JOIN US, PLEASE. OKAY. ANDREW?

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22 **ANDREW WIPPLER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS ANDREW WIPPLER AND I THINK
23 THE CROSS SHOULD BE STILL ON THE EMBLEM BECAUSE, IF THE CROSS
24 GETS TAKEN OFF, THE A.C.L.U. WILL JUST KEEP ON PICKING MORE AT
25 WHAT WE STAND FOR AND WHAT OUR RIGHTS ARE AND THE A.C.L.U.



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1 GOES AGAINST THE-- ARTICLE 1, SECTION 4 OF THE STATE
2 CONSTITUTION OF CALIFORNIA WHICH CLEARLY STATES THAT WE HAVE
3 THE FREEDOM TO EXERCISE AND THE JOY OF RELIGION AND-- WITHOUT
4 DISCRIMINATION OR PREFERENCE AND THAT IS GUARANTEED. THANK YOU
5 FOR YOUR TIME AND THANK YOU FOR LISTENING.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN. JOHN CARLSON AND
8 THEN I'D ASK, I BELIEVE IT'S TONY NASSAF. OKAY, JOHN? IS JOHN
9 HERE? GAIL?

10

11 **GAIL ZAUSS:** HI, MY NAME IS GAIL ZAUSS. I LIVE IN WEST COVINA.
12 MRS. MOLINA IS SUPPOSED TO REPRESENT ME WHEN SHE VOTES. THAT
13 GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE SHALL
14 NOT PERISH FROM THE EARTH IS ENGRAVED IN STONE ABOVE YOUR
15 HEADS. ON JUNE 1ST, YOU WENT BEHIND CLOSED DOORS AND REMOVED
16 THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE WHO ELECTED YOU TO OFFICE AND HANDED
17 IT OVER TO A GROUP OF TERRORISTS THAT CALL THEMSELVES THE
18 A.C.L.U. THIS ORGANIZATION IS ANTI-AMERICAN. THEY'RE NOT CIVIL
19 AND THEY ARE CONSTANTLY ROBBING WE, THE PEOPLE, OF OUR
20 LIBERTIES. TODAY, THEY WANT THE CROSS OFF THE SEAL. TOMORROW,
21 THEY WILL WANT THE SIX-POINTED STAR REMOVED FROM THE SHERIFF'S
22 BADGES OF THIS COUNTY. EVENTUALLY, THEY'LL ASK FOR OUR FLAG.
23 ON THE BEHALF OF ALL THOSE WHO HAVE FOUGHT AND DIED FOR THE
24 FREEDOMS OF THIS COUNTY, AND ON THE BEHALF OF THOSE WHO ARE
25 STILL FIGHTING TODAY, WE, THE PEOPLE, ASK YOU TO STAND UP AND



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1 FIGHT FOR OUR RIGHTS AND OUR FREEDOMS THAT CREATED THIS
2 NATION, THIS COUNTRY, THIS COUNTY AND WHO ELECT YOU TO OFFICE.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IS DAVID HERNANDEZ? TONY AND
5 THEN I'D ASK MICHAEL DEPIETRO TO JOIN US AND MICHAEL BYRNE.
6 DAVID? DAVID HERNANDEZ: HI. THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME
7 IS DAVID HERNANDEZ AND I HAVE THE HONOR AND PLEASURE OF BEING
8 THE CHAIRMAN OF THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL HISPANIC ASSEMBLY FOR
9 GREATER LOS ANGELES AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR MOLINA FOR
10 MENTIONING A FRIEND AND A MENTOR, FERNANDO OAXACA. AND, YOU
11 KNOW, IT SEEMS VERY IRONIC THAT, TODAY, WHEN WE HONOR SUCH AN
12 INDIVIDUAL AND A HISPANIC THAT HAS GIVEN SO MUCH TO THE PEOPLE
13 OF THIS COMMUNITY, THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT REMOVING A SYMBOL
14 THAT REALLY EMPHASIZES THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF HISPANICS IN NOT
15 ONLY THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND
16 THE STATE. AND WHAT-- YOU KNOW, I'M VERY PROUD OF MY HERITAGE
17 AND I'M VERY PROUD THAT THOSE MISSIONS WERE ESTABLISHED AND,
18 YOU KNOW, REGARDLESS OF WHATEVER RELIGION IT WAS, THAT IS PART
19 OF THIS HISTORY AND THE FACT THAT THIS ISSUE BRINGS SO MUCH
20 CONTROVERSY TO IT SHOWS THE POWER THAT THAT HISTORY
21 REPRESENTS. TO REPLACE THE CROSS WITH A BUILDING, DRIVE-
22 THROUGH WHERE YOU CAN PURCHASE A CHALUPA IS NOT ACCEPTABLE,
23 YOU KNOW? AND I'LL CLOSE WITH WHAT WE'RE REALLY TALKING ABOUT
24 IS COMPROMISE AND SOMETIMES COMPROMISE CAN BE A VALUABLE TOOL
25 BUT, OTHER TIMES, COMPROMISE CAN BE A VERY DANGEROUS, LETHAL



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1 DISEASE. THERE ARE MILLIONS OF CHRISTIANS BEING RAPED AND
2 MURDERED AND KILLED AS WE SPEAK HERE TODAY AND IT STARTED WITH
3 COMPROMISE. AND WE ARE NOT GOING TO COMPROMISE OVER THIS
4 SYMBOL.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. [SCATTERED APPLAUSE]

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8 **SUP. MOLINA:** MICHAEL BYRNE AND THEN MICHAEL-- PLEASE.

9

10 **MICHAEL BYRNE:** THANK YOU, ESPECIALLY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH,
11 FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TODAY. IN HIS FAREWELL ADDRESS,
12 PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN, WHOM WE ALL RECALL FONDLY WITH GREAT
13 EMOTION THIS WEEK, EXPRESSED ONE OF HIS GREATEST FEARS, AND
14 IT'S A SAD IRONY FOR HIM. THAT IS, AN ERADICATION OF THE
15 AMERICAN MEMORY AND ITS GREAT HISTORY AND HERITAGE. I CALL ON
16 ALL OF YOU TODAY TO PREVENT THIS ATTEMPT BY THE A.C.L.U. TO
17 ERADICATE THE AMERICAN MEMORY IN OUR GREAT HISTORY. AND WHEN
18 YOU, AS DECISION-MAKERS, ACT TO PROMOTE MULTICULTURALISM, I
19 ONLY ASK ONE THING, THAT YOU DON'T FORGET TO INCLUDE AND
20 PRESERVE, PROTECT, AND DEFEND OUR GREAT AMERICAN CULTURE AND
21 OUR CHERISHED AMERICAN HERITAGE OF WHICH CHRISTIANITY IS SUCH
22 A VITAL PART. THE TYRANNY OF THE A.C.L.U. MINORITY HAS GOT TO
23 STOP. LET'S TAKE THIS FIRST STEP IN ENDING IT BY KEEPING THE
24 CROSS ON THE SEAL. JUST AS A POSTSCRIPT, AS I LOOKED AROUND
25 THE ROOM TODAY, I NOTICED THE TEXT ON THE WALL TO MY LEFT. AND



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1 WHILE THE COUNTY SEAL BELOW IT SHOULD NOT BE CHANGED, I DID
2 NOTICE A CHANGE THAT IS QUITE APPROPRIATE, IN MY VIEW, THAT
3 THIS COUNTRY WAS FOUNDED NOT ONLY ON FREE ENTERPRISE, THAT,
4 FIRST AND FOREMOST, ON THE PRINCIPLES OF FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION
5 AND FREEDOM OF RELIGION NOT FREEDOM FROM RELIGION. WE SHOULD
6 NEVER BE ASHAMED OF THOSE PRINCIPLES OR EMBARRASSED BY THEM.
7 LET ME ASSURE YOU, I WOULD FEEL THIS WAY EVEN IF I WORSHIPED
8 THE PAGAN GODDESS, POMONA. THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS THE COUNTY
9 OF THE ANGELS.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR, NEXT.

12

13 **TONY NASSOL:** TONY NASSOL.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SIR, WAS YOUR-- MICHAEL-- WERE YOU
16 MICHAEL...

17

18 **MICHAEL BYRNE:** MICHAEL BYRNE.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. AND THEN I'D ASK JOHN RIORDAN TO JOIN
21 US, TOBIAS ENGLAND, KATHY GAVE UP HER TIME. YVONNE LINDSEY
22 ELFELT TO JOIN US, PLEASE. OKAY. TONY, GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

23

24 **TONY NASSOL:** OKAY. THANK YOU. AS WAS SO ELOQUENTLY SAID
25 EARLIER REGARDING THE VOTES, THE NEXT ELECTION AND SO FORTH,



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1 ONE MIGHT KEEP IN MIND THAT THERE WAS A MULTIPLICATION FACTOR
2 OF EVERYONE THAT SPEAKS OUT ON A PARTICULAR ISSUE. THERE'S A
3 MULTIPLE THOUSANDS WHO FEEL THE SAME WAY BUT MAYBE ARE NOT
4 HERE. THIS IS ONE THING TO CONSIDER BECAUSE NOT ONLY, OF
5 COURSE, YOU'RE REPRESENTING THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY, BUT
6 THERE ARE A REPERCUSSION OF A CONSEQUENCE OF EFFECT AND THIS
7 IS JUST NATURAL POLITICS. I'D JUST LIKE TO BRING THAT TO YOUR
8 ATTENTION. I FIND IT ALSO INTERESTING THAT, WHEN I HEARD ABOUT
9 THIS CONFLICT REGARDING THE CROSS, ON THE SAME DAY, THERE WAS
10 ISSUED A TERRORIST WARNING FOR AMERICA. HOW IRONIC. REGARDING
11 THE SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE, WHICH IS AT THE HEART OF
12 THIS, OF COURSE ONE OF THE PASTORS EARLIER SAID THERE IS NO
13 SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE AND IT DOESN'T APPEAR IN THE
14 U.S. CONSTITUTION. HOWEVER, IT DOES APPEAR IN THE FORMER
15 CONSTITUTION-- THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FORMER SOVIET UNION.
16 AND, IN CONCLUSION, I'M REMINDED OF ONE THING AND EVERYBODY
17 HAS SPOKEN ABOUT VARIOUS THINGS ON THIS ISSUE BUT, AS I SIT
18 HERE, I THINK OF NAZI, GERMANY, WHOSE IMPACT OF CHRISTIANITY
19 WAS DIVESTED BY HITLER, LEADING TO THE SIX MILLION JEWS BEING
20 PERSECUTED AND SLAUGHTERED, ALONG WITH CHRISTIANS. I'M ALSO
21 REMINDED OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, AND THIS IS VERY INTERESTING,
22 BECAUSE, WHEN HE WAS MARCHING THROUGH-- ACROSS THE EDMUND
23 _____, HE SAID, "GO BACK TO YOUR CHURCH." AND IF HE
24 FELT THAT GOD'S WILL-- THAT PEOPLE SHOULDN'T BE INVOLVED IN
25 PUBLIC POLICY, THAT THE IMPACT OF CHRISTIANITY SHOULD NOT BE



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1 AFFECTED UPON THE NATION, HE SAID, "I JUST WANT TO DO GOD'S
2 WILL," AND THAT WAS AT A TIME WHEN THERE WAS A POTENTIAL
3 CONTRARY GROUPS THAT WERE ADVOCATING RACIAL VIOLENCE.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. COULD YOU WRAP IT UP, PLEASE?

6

7 **TONY NASSOL:** WRAP IT UP, I WILL SAY THIS. BECAUSE HE EXERCISED
8 HIS FREE SPEECH AND THE CHRISTIAN EFFECT OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS
9 MOVEMENT, STAYED OFF A POTENTIALLY DISASTROUS IMPACT OF RACIAL
10 WAR AND BROUGHT FORTH THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT AND, IN
11 CONCLUSION, YOU ALL ARE MINISTERS, ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURE,
12 MINISTERS OF GOD, AND, THEREFORE, I ENCOURAGE EVERYONE HERE,
13 WHETHER YOU AGREE WITH YOU OR DON'T DISAGREE WITH YOU, TO HAVE
14 A WORD OF PRAYER THAT GOD WOULD GIVE YOU WISDOM, KNOWLEDGE,
15 AND UNDERSTANDING TO KNOW WHAT IS RIGHT FOR ALL OF US. THANK
16 YOU.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. JOHN RIORDAN, THEN FOLLOWED BY
19 TOBIAS, THEN YVONNE ELFELDT. ARE YOU STILL HERE, YVONNE? OKAY.
20 I WOULD ASK THAT SHARON WASHINGTON JOIN US, PLEASE. IS SHARON
21 HERE? PATRICIA ROACH. OKAY. PATRICIA'S HERE. AND THEN MARVIN
22 BRIAR. MARVIN'S GONE, TOO? IRENE EATON? IS IRENE HERE? OKAY.
23 JOHN, GO AHEAD.

24



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1 **JOHN RIORDAN:** YES. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JOHN RIORDAN. NO
2 RELATION. [LAUGHTER]

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** HA!

5

6 **JOHN RIORDAN:** ISN'T IT IRONIC THAT WE ARE ALL SITTING HERE
7 TODAY IN THE HALL OF A BUILDING WHICH WAS NAMED AFTER THE MAN
8 WHO DESIGNED THAT SEAL. [SCATTERED APPLAUSE]

9

10 **JOHN RIORDAN:** AND JUST ON A PERSONAL NOTE, IN AMERICA, WE
11 APPLAUD. WE ALL CAME HERE TO BE HEARD, WITH DUE RESPECT TO THE
12 SUPERVISORS. WHAT IS THIS? CAN YOU IMAGINE JAY LENO HAVING TO
13 PUT UP WITH THIS? OR AT LEAST IF WE'RE GOING TO DO THIS, MAYBE
14 WE NEED A LITTLE DANCING MUSIC. WHEN YOU FELLOWS CAMPAIGN YOUR
15 NEXT TIME AND YOU PUT ON YOUR BEST PITCH, YOU MIGHT TURN
16 AROUND AND SEE US DOING THIS. I'M WITH THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
17 TODAY FROM VAN NUYS COUNCIL. WE'RE THE ORGANIZATION THAT PUT
18 THE WORDS "UNDER GOD" IN OUR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. IT'S FAIR
19 TO SAY THAT, TODAY, WE REPRESENT HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF
20 FAMILY MEMBERS OF KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND WE FEEL THAT IT'S A
21 SIMPLE MATTER. WE ELECT SUPERVISORS TO RESOLVE MATTERS IN OUR
22 COUNTY AND SOMETIMES THINGS BECOME A LITTLE DIFFICULT FOR YOU.
23 AND I THINK, AT THAT TIME, YOU SHOULD COME BACK TO THE PEOPLE,
24 WE, THE PEOPLE. THIS NEEDS TO COME BEFORE A VOTE OF THE
25 CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IF THE A.C.L.U. FEELS THE SAME



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1 WAY AFTER THE VOTE, LET'S GO ALL THE WAY TO THE SUPREME COURT
2 BUT NOBODY IS GOING TO TOUCH THAT CROSS WITHOUT A GREAT FIGHT
3 FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE
4]

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. TOBIAS ENGLAND FOLLOWED BY
7 PATRICIA ROACH AND THEN IRENE EATON. IS IRENE HERE? IS
8 PATRICIA HERE? OKAY. AND THEN I'D ASK LARRY LEVIN TO JOIN US,
9 PLEASE.

10

11 **TOBIAS ENGLAND:** GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN AND
12 BOARD. I WOULD JUST LIKE TO BRING TODAY A VOICE FROM HISTORY,
13 DETOCQUEVILLE, WHICH WAS A 18TH CENTURY FRENCH PHILOSOPHER. HE
14 SAID IN HIS BOOK, DEMOCRACY IN AMERICA, "UPON MY ARRIVAL IN
15 THE UNITED STATES, THE RELIGIOUS ASPECT OF THAT COUNTRY WAS
16 THE FIRST THING THAT STRUCK MY ATTENTION. THE LONGER I STAYED
17 THERE, THE MORE I PERCEIVED THAT THE GREAT POLITICAL
18 CONSEQUENCES RESULTING FROM THIS STATE OF THINGS IN FRANCE,
19 I'D ALMOST ALWAYS SEEN THE SPIRIT OF RELIGION AND THE SPIRIT
20 OF FREEDOM MARCHING IN OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS. BUT, IN AMERICA, I
21 FOUND THAT THEY WERE INTIMATELY UNITED AND THAT THEY REIGNED
22 IN COMMON OVER THE SAME COUNTRY. THERE IS NO COUNTRY THIS THE
23 WORLD WHERE THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION RETAINS A GREATER INFLUENCE
24 OVER THE SOULS OF MEN THAN IN AMERICA AND THERE CAN BE NO
25 GREATER PROOF OF ITS UTILITY AND OF ITS CONFORMITY TO HUMAN



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1 NATURE AND ITS INFLUENCE THAN THAT ITS INFLUENCE IS POWERFULLY
2 FELT OVER THE MOST ENLIGHTENED AND FREE NATION OF THE EARTH."
3 THANK YOU, SIR.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. PATRICIA?

6

7 **PATRICIA ROACH:** GOOD AFTERNOON.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MAY I ASK... PARDON ME?

10

11 **PATRICIA ROACH:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS PATRICIA ROACH. I
12 AM A COUNTY WORKER WHO IS ON HER LUNCH HOUR. [LAUGHTER]

13

14 **PATRICIA ROACH:** I AM HERE BEHALF APOSTLE CHARLES TUCKER FROM
15 JUBILEE CHRISTIAN FAITH CENTER WHERE MR. ANTONOVICH IS OUR
16 SUPERVISOR. I THANK YOU, MR. ANTONOVICH AND MR. KNABE FOR
17 STANDING UP. I HAVE BROUGHT WITH ME OVER 100 SIGNATURES FROM
18 MY CHURCH, JUBILEE CHRISTIAN FAITH CENTER, AND WE ARE ASKING
19 THE THREE OF YOU THAT VOTED TO TAKE-- TO REMOVE THE CROSS, WE
20 ARE ASKING YOU TO RESCIND YOUR DECISION AND STAND UP AND DO
21 WHAT IS RIGHT. I'M REMINDED OF THE STORY OF DAVID IN THE
22 BIBLE. DAVID WAS A LITTLE BOY WHO FOUGHT A GIANT WHO WAS NINE
23 FEET TALL. I SAY TO YOU, THE A.C.L.U. MAY LOOK LIKE A GIANT
24 BUT, JUST LIKE DAVID, GOD GAVE HIM A SMOOTH STONE AND HE
25 DROPPED THAT GIANT AND CUT HIS HEAD OFF. WE ARE MORE, THERE



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1 ARE MORE WITH US THAN THERE ARE WITH THEM, THE A.C.L.U. THEY
2 ARE NOT ELECTED OFFICIALS. YOU ARE. SO I ASK YOU, TRUST GOD
3 AND ALLOW HIM TO SHOW HIMSELF STRONG. WE CAN WHOOP THE
4 A.C.L.U. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE AND CHEERS]

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. [GAVEL]

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IRENE EATON AND THEN LARRY, AND
9 THEN I'D ASK JULIETTE HAYRAPETIAN TO JOIN US, AS WELL AS CRAIG
10 RUBEN.

11

12 **IRENE EATON:** YES. TO TALK TO THE THREE THAT VOTED TO REMOVE
13 THE CROSS, THEY HAVE TO REMEMBER HISTORY.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** COULD YOU REPEAT YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD,
16 PLEASE?

17

18 **IRENE EATON:** YES, I'M SORRY. IRENE EATON. AND TO THE THREE
19 THAT SUPPORTED TO REMOVE THE CROSS, THEY MUST UNDERSTAND
20 HISTORY, ESPECIALLY MOLINA. SHE STATED THAT SHE DID NOT HAVE
21 GOOD MEMORIES OF THE MISSIONS BUT I WOULD LIKE HER TO BE AWARE
22 OF, BEFORE CHRISTIANITY CAME TO THE LAND, BEFORE THE MISSIONS,
23 THERE WERE HUMAN SACRIFICES. HUMAN BEINGS WERE SACRIFICED TO
24 THE SUN GODS. AND WHAT CHRISTIANITY BROUGHT TO THIS WORLD WAS
25 AN END OF PAGANISM AND A END TO SACRIFICIAL OF BABIES, HAVING



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1 THEIR HEARTS CUT OUT AND OFFERED TO THE SUN GODS AND THIS PUT
2 A STOP TO IT. AND GOODNESS CAME FROM CHRISTIANITY TO THIS LAND
3 AND WE SHOULD BE VERY THANKFUL FOR THIS. AND I WANT TO
4 CONGRATULATE THE TWO, YOU KNOW, SUPERVISORS THAT STOOD UP FOR
5 WHAT WAS RIGHT AND STOOD UP FOR JESUS CHRIST AND FOR HISTORY.
6 THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. LARRY AND THEN JULIETTE, THEN
9 CRAIG, AND I'D ASK JOHNNY ROTELLA TO JOIN US AS WELL, TOO.

10

11 **LARRY LEVIN:** I'M LARRY LEVIN FROM BEAUTIFUL DOWNTOWN JUNIPER
12 HILLS IN THE NORTHERN END OF THE COUNTY. I URGE THE BOARD OF
13 SUPERVISORS TO RECONSIDER ITS VOTE REGARDING THE CROSS AND THE
14 COUNTY SEAL. WHEN THE CURRENT TO-DO ABOUT THE SEAL STARTED, I
15 TOOK A CLOSE LOOK AT THIS APPARENT SYMBOL OF DIVISIVENESS.
16 THERE ARE SOME 15 OBJECTS IN THE INNER CIRCLE, 12 OF WHICH ARE
17 LARGER THAN THE CROSS. MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE, THESE IMAGES
18 REFLECT THE HISTORY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. FOR EXAMPLE, ICONS
19 OF A COW, OIL WELLS, A SAILING SHIP AND THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL ARE
20 OBVIOUSLY NOT INTENDED TO ENCOURAGE ANY PARTICULAR ACTIVITIES
21 OR GROUPS. AS A JEW, THAT CROSS DOES NOT OFFEND ME, NOT UNTIL
22 SOMEONE SAYS I HAVE TO PUT IT ON WHAT I DO OR HAVE IT IN MY
23 HOME. AND THE PEOPLE WHO WOULD SAY THAT WILL SAY IT WHETHER
24 THERE IS A CROSS ON THE SEAL OR NOT. WHAT DOES OFFEND ME IS AN
25 ATTEMPT TO REWRITE HISTORY. IF SOMEHOW YOU BELIEVE THIS CROSS,



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1 A SYMBOL FROM THE HISTORY OF CALIFORNIA AND THE COUNTY OF LOS
2 ANGELES, SCARES PEOPLE AWAY, A LITTLE HARD TO BELIEVE THESE
3 DAYS, THEN VOTE TO REMOVE IT BUT DON'T VOTE TO REMOVE IT
4 BECAUSE OF A FEAR OF A LAWSUIT. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SAY THAT
5 I REMEMBER AN A.C.L.U. THAT CONCERNS ITSELF WITH INSTANCES IN
6 WHICH CIVIL RIGHTS WERE TRULY VIOLATED, PARTICULARLY WITH
7 RESPECT TO CIVIL RIGHTS OF BLACKS YEARS AGO. THIS IS NOT SUCH
8 AN INSTANCE. I INTEND TO KEEP THE PLAQUE AND SCROLLS I HAVE
9 RECEIVED, CROSS AND ALL. PLEASE DON'T TELL TODAY'S A.C.L.U.
10 THEY MIGHT SUE ME. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, LARRY. [SCATTERED APPLAUSE]

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** JULIETTE AND THEN CRAIG, AND THEN I'D ASK,
15 IS JOHNNY ROTELLA HERE? OKAY. THANK YOU, JOHNNY. JULIETTE, GO
16 AHEAD.

17

18 **JULIETTE HAYRAPETIAN:** MY NAME IS JULIETTE HAYRAPETIAN, AND YOU
19 DON'T KNOW HOW BAD I FEEL THAT I'M SITTING ON THE FRONT OF
20 PEOPLE HERE. PLEASE TIME ME AFTER I START THE ISSUE, BECAUSE
21 FIRST I'M GOING TO APOLOGIZE FOR MY LANGUAGE BARRIER AND,
22 BELIEVE ME, I DON'T LIKE BEING IN THE PUBLIC, JUST LIKE THIS,
23 TALKING ABOUT ANY SUBJECT THAN RELIGION BECAUSE I'M FROM
24 SOVIET UNION AND I WAS RAISED EVEN IN A CHRISTIAN FAMILY BUT I
25 WAS RAISED IN A SCHOOL, IN THE COLLEGE WITH HIGHEST EDUCATION



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1 ATHEIST. AND IT WAS MY FATHER'S DREAM TO COME OUT HERE AND TO
2 LET US TO HAVE A CHANCE TO KNOW GOD AND APPARENTLY FREEDOM IN
3 THIS COUNTRY MEANS ONLY IMMORALITY BECAUSE, STEP BY STEP,
4 EVERYTHING IS TAKEN FROM CHILDREN, FROM THE PEOPLE, ALL THE
5 RELIGION ISSUES. IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT KIND OF RELIGION BUT
6 IF YOU DON'T HAVE A RELIGION, YOU ARE NOT COMPLETE. MAYBE YOU
7 HAVE A POSITION, YOU ARE SITTING HERE, BUT THAT POSITION IS
8 GIVEN BY GOD. AND ANY TIME IT'S CAN TAKEN BY GOD. YESTERDAY, I
9 WAS WATCHING T.V., THAT MEMORIAL ABOUT RONALD REAGAN, AND HE
10 WAS MARKING SOVIET UNION, THAT SOVIET UNION IS AN EVIL EMPIRE,
11 PEOPLE ARE UNDER EVIL EMPIRE.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

14

15 **JULIETTE HAYRAPETIAN:** AND THE GOVERNMENT WITHOUT RELIGION, IF
16 YOU LOOK AT, IS THE SAME THING HAPPENING HERE. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SO, MR. RUBEN IS NOT HERE,
19 JOHNNY ROTELLA. I'D ASK DON SCHULTZ AND PAUL MCGUIRE IF THEY'D
20 JOIN US, PLEASE.

21

22 **JOHNNY ROTELLA:** MY NAME IS JOHNNY ROTELLA, AND I'VE BEEN HERE
23 SINCE 9:30 AND I'M NOT GOING TO GO INTO THE PROS AND CONS.
24 YOU'VE HEARD ENOUGH FROM THE PEOPLE WHAT IT MEANS TO LEAVE THE
25 CROSS UP THERE AND I ADMIRE MIKE AND YOU, DON, FOR TAKING THAT



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1 STAND. AND ZEV YAROSLAVSKY WAS MY COUNCILMAN, NOW IS MY
2 SUPERVISOR. ONE OF YOU, OF THE THREE OF YOU, COULD STAND UP
3 RIGHT NOW AND CHANGE YOUR VOTE AND STOP ALL OF THIS. RIGHT
4 NOW. [APPLAUSE AND CHEERS]

5

6 **JOHNNY ROTELLA:** NOW, WITHOUT A MEETING, RIGHT NOW, STAND UP IN
7 AMERICA AND SAY, "I VOTE WITH THE TWO GUYS." [APPLAUSE]

8

9 **JOHNNY ROTELLA:** AND, BETTER THAN THAT, THE THREE OF YOU, STAND
10 UP AND STOP THIS NONSENSE. [APPLAUSE]

11

12 **JOHNNY ROTELLA:** PLEASE! THAT'S ALL I'VE GOT TO SAY.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, JOHN. MR. SCHULTZ AND MR.-- OH,
15 BY THE WAY, ANY OF THE THREE OF YOU WANT TO STAND UP? [
16 INTERJECTIONS, CAT CALLS AND WHISTLES] [GAVEL]

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY, OKAY, OKAY, OKAY. [INTERJECTIONS] [
19 GAVEL]

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. IT'S BEEN A LONG DAY. GOT
22 TO SMILE A LITTLE BIT EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE HERE. OKAY. ALL
23 RIGHT. MR. SCHULTZ AND THEN MR. MCGUIRE AND THEN ERNESTINA
24 MARTIN.

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1 **DON SCHULTZ:** MR. CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISORS. FIRSTLY, MY WIFE AND I
2 WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE THE TWO SUPERVISORS WHO ARE
3 STEADFASTLY STOOD IN OPPOSITION TO THIS UNREASONABLE AND
4 MALICIOUS DEMAND BY THE A.C.L.U. THIS ISSUE TYPIFIES THE JELLY
5 LEGS THAT THE MAJORITY OF OUR LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS DISPLAY
6 WHEN THE A.C.L.U. FLEXES THEIR MUSCLES IN LOS ANGELES. THERE
7 SHOULDN'T BE ANY DOUBT THAT THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE PUBLIC
8 THAT HAS FILLED THIS BOARD ROOM ARE OPPOSING THE A.C.L.U.
9 DEMANDS AND SUPPORT THE POSITION OF OUR TWO SUPERVISORS WHO
10 HAVE CHOSEN TO STAND AND FIGHT. THANK YOU, MIKE ANTONOVICH.
11 THANK YOU, DON KNABE. SUPERVISORS, FINALLY, INSTEAD OF
12 REMOVING THE CROSS FROM THE COUNTY SEAL, REMOVE THE A.C.L.U.
13 FROM LOS ANGELES! [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. [GAVEL]

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY, PAUL MCGUIRE, AND ERNESTINA, AND THEN
18 I'D ASK RICHARD SENSAMEN TO JOIN US AS WELL AS RON COYNE.

19

20 **PAUL MCGUIRE:** MY NAME IS PAUL MCGUIRE AND I REPRESENT THE PAUL
21 MCGUIRE SHOW HERE IN LOS ANGELES. WE HAVE MANY THOUSANDS OF
22 LISTENERS, ALL WHO ARE REGISTERED VOTERS, AND GLORIA AND ZEV
23 AND MRS. BURKE, YOU HAVE RECEIVED THOUSANDS OF PHONE CALLS AND
24 E-MAILS IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS AND I PROMISE YOU, AS A
25 TAXPAYING CITIZEN, I WILL DO EVERYTHING IN MY POWER TO MAKE



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1 SURE THAT NONE OF YOU ARE REELECTED UNLESS YOU RESCIND YOUR
2 VOTE. [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE] [GAVEL]

3

4 **PAUL MCGUIRE:** I AM PERSONALLY OFFENDED, AS A CITIZEN, THAT YOU
5 WOULD SIDE WITH THE A.C.L.U. IN A BACKDOOR MEETING BETRAYING
6 YOUR CONSTITUENCY. AND I WANT TO THANK MIKE ANTONOVICH FOR
7 BRINGING THIS UP FOR A REVOTE. PLEASE RECONSIDER.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ERNESTINA?

10

11 **ERNESTINA MARTIN:** I WOULD LIKE TO STAND AND RESPECTFULLY...

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE RAISE THE MICROPHONE FOR HER. THANK
14 YOU.

15

16 **ERNESTINA MARTIN:** ...RESPECTFULLY CALL UPON EACH ONE OF YOU,
17 THANKING THOSE THAT DID NOT VOTE FOR THIS PANDORA'S BOX. I
18 THINK YOU HAVE OPENED UP A PANDORA'S BOX AND I WANT TO TELL
19 YOU SOMETHING. THE MAJORITY RULES IN THIS COUNTRY. STILL
20 RULES. OKAY? IT RULED IN CALIFORNIA NOT TOO LONG AGO AND IT'S
21 GOING TO KEEP ON RULING. AND, GLORIA, I REMEMBER WHEN YOU
22 FIRST STARTED CAMPAIGNING, HOW YOU WERE BEGGING IN EAST LOS
23 ANGELES FOR OUR VOTES AND WE LOVED YOU, AND WE STILL DO, AND
24 WE RESPECT YOU. I ADMIRE YOU VERY MUCH. AS A WOMAN, YOU'RE A
25 ROLE MODEL TO US AND WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO COME IN WITH US, THE



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1 MAJORITY, BECAUSE YOU ARE GOING INTO A CORNER WHERE THE
2 MINORITY IS LOSING AND RECOGNIZE THAT AND COME WITH US. [
3 SPEAKING SPANISH] GLORIA, YOU BELONG TO US, ALL RIGHT?

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. RICHARD SENSEMAN AND THEN RON
6 COYNE AND THEN I'D ASK NEIL FRADKIN, DR. NEIL FRADKIN, TO JOIN
7 US AND SHIRLEY MOORE. IS NEIL OR SHIRLEY HERE? NEIL? OKAY.
8 RICHARD?

9

10 **RICHARD SENSEMAN:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING-- GOOD AFTERNOON,
11 RATHER. I'M RICHARD SENSEMAN. I'M PROUD TO BE A RESIDENT OF
12 THE CITY OF MARY, QUEEN OF THE ANGELS. I HAVE BEEN A
13 CHRISTIAN, I WAS RAISED AS A CHRISTIAN, I WAS ORDAINED. I HAVE
14 CHANGED. I HAVE BEEN A BUDDHIST. I AM NOT NEITHER OF THE TWO
15 AT THE PRESENT TIME. I HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF THE A.C.L.U. FOR
16 MANY YEARS, IN THE '50S AND THE '60S. I AM A VETERAN OF WORLD
17 WAR II, I WAS REGULAR ARMY. AND I AM OPPOSED VERY STRONGLY TO
18 THE REMOVAL OF THE CROSS SYMBOL. THE CROSS SYMBOL OF-- IT IS A
19 HISTORIC THING. I WAS GOING TO SPEAK ORIGINALLY AS A
20 ACCOUNTANT ON THE COST, WHICH I THINK THE MONEY THAT IS
21 PLANNING TO BE SPENT SHOULD BETTER BE SPENT BY THE SHERIFF'S
22 DEPARTMENT BECAUSE YOUR PRIMARY DUTY TO ALL OF US IS THE
23 SAFETY OF THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU.
24



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. RON, RON COYNE AND THEN NEIL AND
2 THEN SHIRLEY.

3

4 **RON COYNE:** YES. I'M RON COYNE AND DICK SENSEMAN AND I DID COME
5 TOGETHER. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE A.C.L.U. AND HE'S TOTALLY
6 AGAINST REMOVING OF THE CROSS. I, MYSELF, RONALD COYNE, BELONG
7 TO TWO TOASTMASTER'S GROUP AND AQUINAS AND I ONLY SPEAK FOR
8 MYSELF BUT I WILL SPEAK OUT TO EVERYONE I CAN, TO ANY GROUP I
9 CAN, AGAINST THE A.C.L.U. I THINK IT WAS FOUNDED ON A FALSE
10 PRETENSE. THEY GAVE A STORY AT ONE TIME IN 1970-- PARDON ME,
11 1770, FIVE YEARS BEFORE THE REVOLUTION, WHICH I THINK WE'RE
12 ABOUT TO HAVE TODAY, BUT A PEACEFUL ONE, THAT-- ABOUT THE
13 BOSTON MASSACRE. THEY TOLD ABOUT THE FIVE AMERICANS THAT GOT
14 KILLED BY THE BRITISH AND A PERSON THAT SAVED THEM WAS JOHN
15 ANDREWS. HE WASN'T POPULAR, HE JUST BECAME THE SECOND
16 PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. I FEEL THAT THE A.C.L.U. HAS
17 MISREPRESENTED THEMSELVES. THEY ARE NOT FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES. I
18 THINK THEY ARE FOR TAKING IT AWAY. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NEIL AND THEN SHIRLEY, AND THEN I'D ASK
23 FAYE WEISS TO JOIN US AND THEN LET'S SEE, MAGDALENE ALREADY
24 SPOKE. ASK ELODIE MCKEE TO SPEAK AND THEN SCOTT BERNSTEIN.
25 SOME OF YOU MAY BE CONFUSED BY BEING CALLED-- YOU KNOW, THERE



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1 WAS AN ISSUE OF 64-B AND C. MANY OF YOU REFERENCED BOTH OF
2 THEM, SO I'M JUST CALLING EVERYONE AT THE SAME TIME. OKAY. SO,
3 NEIL?

4

5 **DR. NEIL FRADKIN:** MY NAME IS DR. NEIL FRADKIN AND THERE'S NOT
6 A LOT I CAN ADD TO WHAT'S BEEN SAID TODAY. THIS IS THE FIRST
7 TIME I'VE EVER SPOKEN IN THIS KIND OF A SETTING BEFORE AND IT
8 WAS THAT IMPORTANT TO ME THAT I THOUGHT I WOULD SHOW UP AT
9 ABOUT 8:30 IN THE MORNING WHEN I USUALLY DON'T EVEN GET OUT OF
10 BED BEFORE NOON. AND I JUST HOPE THAT YOU WILL CONSIDER--
11 RECONSIDER YOUR VOTE AND I'M NOT EVEN SURE WHY THOSE OF YOU
12 WHO DIDN'T STAND UP JUST A FEW-- ONE OF YOU DIDN'T STAND UP
13 JUST A FEW MINUTES AGO THAT WAS GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO
14 CHANGE THEIR VOTE ON THE SPOT AND SAVE A LOT OF TIME FOR A LOT
15 OF US. MAYBE YOU JUST DON'T WANT TO SET A PRECEDENCE IN DOING
16 SO BUT THINK OF THE PRECEDENCE THAT'S GOING TO BE SET IF YOU
17 ALLOW THE CROSS TO BE REMOVED. IT'LL GO SO MUCH FURTHER.
18 THINGS HAPPEN GRADUALLY, NOT ALL AT ONCE. AND I WOULD HATE TO
19 LIVE THE TYPE OF WORLD THAT THE A.C.L.U. IS PROPOSING IN THIS
20 DAY AND AGE. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SHIRLEY MOORE, AND THEN... [
23 SCATTERED APPLAUSE]

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ARE YOU FAYE? ARE YOU FAYE? ARE YOU ELODIE?



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2 **ELODIE MCKEE:** ELODIE.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ELODIE. OKAY. SHIRLEY AND THEN ELODIE AND
5 THEN IS SCOTT BERNSTEIN STILL HERE? SCOTT'S GONE? OKAY. GEORGE
6 SAIEG. IS GEORGE HERE? OKAY.

7

8 **SHIRLEY MOORE:** OKAY. I'M SHIRLEY MOORE. I'M CHAIRPERSON OF THE
9 CALIFORNIA BLACK REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S COUNCIL. I THANK
10 ANTONOVICH AND KNABE FOR THEIR STANDS. I AM HAPPY THAT YOU DID
11 WHAT YOU DID BECAUSE THIS HAS GIVEN GOD THE OPPORTUNITY TO
12 EXPOSE WHO YOU HAVE BEEN. I'M GLAD THE PEOPLE NOW SEE THAT YOU
13 HAVE BEEN WRONG FOR A LONG TIME. NOT ONLY ARE YOU TRYING TO
14 COMPROMISE OUR HISTORY, YOU'VE COMPROMISED OUR CHILDREN,
15 YOU'VE COMPROMISED OUR COURTS. TODAY, THE PEOPLE ARE SAYING
16 ENOUGH IS ENOUGH AND YOU WILL NO LONGER CIRCUMVENT THE WILL OF
17 THE PEOPLE. I THINK THAT WE SHOULD GO BEYOND JUST STOPPING YOU
18 TO CHANGE YOUR VOTE, BUT WE NEED TO HAVE AN INVESTIGATION AS
19 TO WHY YOU VOTED IN WAY YOU WENT BECAUSE ONE THING I CAN SAY
20 ABOUT YOU IS THAT YOU GUYS ARE STRONG. YOU THREE ARE VERY
21 STRONG AND NO ONE INTIMIDATES YOU. I'VE BEEN FIGHTING YOU FOR
22 TEN YEARS. YOU'RE NOT EASY TO BE INTIMIDATED SO I KNOW THERE'S
23 SOME TYPE OF BACKROOM DEAL THAT WAS MADE AND I'M GOING TO GET
24 TO THE BOTTOM OF IT. WHY? NUMBER THREE, I'D LIKE TO SAY, WHEN
25 I GO TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION, MISS BURKE, I WANT YOU TO



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1 KNOW THE TAPE THAT YOU KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT, I'M GOING
2 TO EXPOSE YOU BECAUSE I THINK YOU NEED AN INVESTIGATION DONE
3 UPON YOU. AND THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. PLEASE. THANK YOU. I'D ASK
6 LYNNETTE LIZARDI TO JOIN US NICOLE LIZARDI TO JOIN US.

7

8 **MELODY MCKEE:** MY NAME IS ELODIE MCKEE, I'M A MEMBER OF SCREEN
9 ACTORS GUILD AND A CHRISTIAN. I WOULD MUCH RATHER BE PAYING MY
10 RESPECTS TO OUR BELOVED PRESIDENT REAGAN BUT I AM HERE TODAY
11 INSTEAD. ONE MORE FOR THE GIPPER. [APPLAUSE]

12

13 **ELODIE MCKEE:** PRESIDENT REAGAN, IF HE WERE HERE TODAY, HE
14 WOULD BE SAYING WHY WERE YOU AND THE A.C.L.U. WASTING OUR TIME
15 AND OUR MONEY? WE'RE ALREADY IN A FINANCIAL BLACK HOLE! FIRST
16 OF ALL, I'D LIKE TO POINT A COUPLE THINGS OF ORDER. THE CROSS,
17 MISSIONS, AS WELL AS CHRISTIANITY, IT'S OUR HERITAGE. WHAT IS
18 THE A.C.L.U. GOING TO WANT NEXT? THE STAR OF DAVID ON OUR
19 CURRENCY? OR THIS FREEMASON SYMBOL? WHERE DO THEY STOP? HOW
20 ABOUT THE NAME, CALIFORNIA? I LIVED IN SPAIN. I SPEAK
21 CASTILIAN SPANISH AND THE FACT IS, WHEN THE SPANIARDS CAME
22 HERE AND SET UP MISSIONS, THEY CALLED IT, IN SANTA ROSA, [
23 SPANISH] HEAT OF HELL, IT WAS SO HOT. WHAT ARE THEY GOING TO
24 DO, ASK YOU TO CHANGE-- AND OUR STATE AND FEDERAL TO CHANGE
25 THE NAME OF CALIFORNIA? IT'S GOT TO STOP. IT'S BEYOND STUPID



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1 AND YOU NEED TO STOP THIS FRIVOLOUS NONSENSE OF SPENDING OUR
2 MONEY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IS... [GAVEL]

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IS LYNNETTE OR NICOLE LIZARDI, ARE THEY
7 STILL HERE? OH, RIGHT HERE, OKAY. ALL RIGHT. GEORGE, AND THEN
8 I'D ASKED VALERIE KRUPSKY TO JOIN US AS WELL, TOO, PLEASE. IS
9 VALERIE HERE? VALERIE, ARE YOU HERE? OKAY. GOOD.

10

11 **GEORGE SAIEG:** MY NAME IS GEORGE SAIEG. I AM FROM SUDAN. WE
12 HAVE HUGE PROBLEMS IN SUDAN THAT TWO MILLION AND A HALF
13 CHRISTIANS HAVE BEEN KILLED AND DESTROYED, THEIR HOMES AND
14 THEIR HOSPITALS. AND, TODAY, WHEN-- A FEW YEARS AGO, WHAT
15 HAPPENED SEPTEMBER 11, I REALLY WAS FEEL LIKE I AM NOT SECURE
16 ANY MORE, THAT MAYBE EVEN HERE, THE MUSLIMS CAN TAKE OVER. BUT
17 I WAS REALLY NOW, WHEN I SEE THAT THE CROSS, THEY WANT TO
18 REMOVE IT, AND I BELIEVE THIS IS NOT LESS THAN THE ATTACK OF
19 SEPTEMBER 11 AND THE TWIN TOWERS, IT IS WORSE THAN THAT
20 BECAUSE MUSLIMS AND THE A.C.L.U., WHATEVER IT IS, THAT THEY, I
21 BELIEVE THEY WORK TOGETHER TO DESTROY THE CHRISTIAN PEOPLE.
22 AND IF THERE'S NO FREEDOM FOR US TO SPEAK, I DON'T KNOW, IT'S
23 JUST GOING TO BE RETURNING TO OUR COUNTRY. SO I DON'T KNOW
24 WHAT-- WHERE NEXT I CAN GO TO FIND A SECURE PLACE, IF AMERICA
25 WILL BE A PLACE WHERE WE CANNOT SPEAK AND WE CANNOT HAVE OUR



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1 FREEDOM OF RELIGION AND WE CANNOT HAVE THE CROSS. BECAUSE, OF
2 COURSE, THE CROSS, IT STARTED-- WHENEVER IT STARTED IN OUR
3 COUNTRY, IT STARTED WITH THE REMOVING OF THE CROSS. PAKISTAN,
4 AFGHANISTAN, ALL THIS ISLAMIC COUNTRIES, THEY TURNED TO EVIL
5 PLACES BY THE REMOVING OF THE CROSS, NUMBER ONE THING, AND I
6 HOPE THAT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN TO THE UNITED STATES OF
7 AMERICA. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I WOULD ASK THAT CINDY-- SIDNEY,
10 EXCUSE ME, SIDNEY RAINGRUBER AND JANET SPAULDING JOIN US,
11 PLEASE. LYNETTE.

12

13 **LYNETTE LIZARDI:** I'M LYNNETTE LIZARDI, A RESIDENT OF THE CITY
14 OF-- OR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND I'M A HOMEMAKER. I'D
15 LIKE TO QUOTE FROM JAMES KENT, WHO WAS THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF
16 THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW YORK, SAID, "WHATEVER STRIKES AT THE
17 ROOT OF CHRISTIANITY TENDS MANIFESTLY TO THE DISSOLUTION OF
18 CIVIL GOVERNMENT BECAUSE IT TENDS TO CORRUPT THE MORALS OF THE
19 PEOPLE AND TO DESTROY GOOD ORDER." THE FOUNDATIONAL NATURE OF
20 CHRISTIANITY IN OUR NATION IS PART OF MY HERITAGE AS AN
21 AMERICAN AND PART OF THE BIRTHRIGHT WHICH BELONGS TO MY
22 CHILDREN. REMOVING THE TINY CROSS FROM MY COUNTY SEAL IS, IN
23 MY OPINION, A CHIPPING AWAY AT THE FOUNDATIONAL ROCK WHICH
24 GIVES STABILITY TO MY COUNTRY. IF WE, AS CITIZENS, DON'T HAVE
25 A STANDARD FOR BEHAVIOR SET DOWN BY GOD, THEN OUR BEHAVIOR



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1 BECOMES SUBJECT TO SITUATIONAL ETHICS. ON OUR WAY HERE, WE
2 PASSED A JAIL FULL OF PEOPLE WHO JUSTIFIED WRONG BEHAVIOR AND
3 CARRIED OUT VIOLENT ACTIONS AGAINST THEIR FELLOW MEN. IN THIS
4 COUNTY, WE ALL NEED THE CONTINUAL REMINDER, WHICH THE CROSS
5 GIVES, THAT WE ARE ALL SUBJECT TO THE STANDARDS AND MERCY OF
6 GOD HIMSELF. I WOULD REMIND YOU THAT, BECAUSE YOU HAVE THE
7 GOD-GIVEN PRIVILEGE OF SERVING AS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
8 YOU ARE ALSO SUBJECT TO HIS STANDARDS AND MERCY AND I URGE YOU
9 NOT TO REMOVE THE CROSS FROM OUR SEAL. THANK YOU FOR THE
10 PRIVILEGE OF SPEAKING TODAY.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NICOLE? THEN I'D ASK CALISTRA
13 AGUILAR WEBB TO JOIN US, PLEASE.

14

15 **NICOLE LIZARDI:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS NICOLE LIZARDI AND
16 I LIVE IN L.A. COUNTY. I'VE WRITTEN DOWN WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO
17 SAY SO THAT I WILL BE ABLE TO REPRESENT MYSELF CLEARLY AND SAY
18 ONLY WHAT'S WORTH HEARING. THIS SMALL CROSS ON THE RIGHT-HAND
19 SIDE OF OUR COUNTY SEAL HAS CREATED QUITE AN UPROAR LATELY.
20 AND WHY? BECAUSE THE A.C.L.U. CLAIMS THAT HAVING THIS CROSS ON
21 OUR SEAL MISREPRESENTS THE PEOPLE OF OUR COMMUNITY AND IT
22 UNCONSTITUTIONALLY ENDORSES CHRISTIANITY. BUT MAY I POINT OUT
23 ANOTHER OBJECT ON THE SEAL MUCH BIGGER THAN THE CROSS AND
24 DRAWING MUCH MORE ATTENTION TO ITSELF IS A ROMAN GODDESS. IF
25 PEOPLE SEE THAT SMALL CROSS AND ARE UPSET, WHAT MUST THEY



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1 THINK OF THAT GODDESS? THE A.C.L.U. MUST BE FLOODED WITH
2 COMPLAINTS ABOUT OUR UNCONSTITUTIONAL ENDORSEMENT OF THIS
3 GODDESS, POMONA, AND OF POLYTHEISTIC RELIGION IT REPRESENTS,
4 RIGHT? WRONG. PEOPLE HAVE THE COMMON SENSE TO SEE THAT THIS
5 FIGURE WAS CHOSEN AS A REPRESENTATION OF OUR REGION'S
6 AGRICULTURE, JUST AS THIS CROSS WAS CHOSEN TO REPRESENT OUR
7 CHRISTIAN HERITAGE. THIS CROSS IS IN NO WAY UNCONSTITUTIONAL
8 BECAUSE IT FORCES NO ONE TO PRACTICE A FAITH THEY DO NOT
9 BELIEVE IN. SHALL WE REWRITE HISTORY SIMPLY BECAUSE SOME
10 PEOPLE DON'T LIKE IT? SHALL WE PRETEND THAT OUR FOUNDING
11 FATHERS AND EVEN THE MONKS WHO RAN THESE MISSIONS DID NOT
12 EMBRACE THE CROSS AND THE MEANING IT HAS FOR THOUSANDS OF
13 PEOPLE? THE FACT THAT OUR COUNTRY WAS FOUNDED ON CHRISTIAN
14 PRINCIPLES IS INDISPUTABLE. SO WHY DOES THE A.C.L.U. CONTINUE
15 TO DISPUTE IT AND WHY DO THEY CONTINUE TO WIN? BECAUSE WE HAVE
16 NOT STOOD UP TO THEM. FURTHERMORE, IF WE APPLY THE A.C.L.U.
17 REASONING THOROUGHLY, WE WILL SEE THAT, EVEN REPLACING THE
18 CROSS WITH A DEPICTION OF THE PEOPLE NATIVE TO THIS LAND WOULD
19 MISREPRESENT OUR COUNTRY FOR PEOPLE WOULD ASSUME THAT WE ARE
20 ALL DESCENDANTS OF THESE PEOPLE, WHEN, IN REALITY, WE SEEM TO
21 BE THE MOST THOROUGHLY MIXED PLACE IN THIS COUNTRY WE CALL THE
22 MELTING POT OF THE WORLD. SOON THE A.C.L.U. WILL BE DEMANDING
23 THAT WE REMOVE EVERYTHING FROM OUR SEAL, LEAVING ONLY A WHITE
24 SPACE, AND ALLOW EVERYONE TO PUT IN THAT CIRCLE WHATEVER L.A.
25 MEANS TO THEM. THIS WOULD TRULY REPRESENT OUR COMMUNITY. THE



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1 A.C.L.U. MAY HAVE RECEIVED A FEW COMPLAINTS ABOUT THIS CROSS
2 BUT MAY I POINT OUT, MANY MORE THAN A FEW PEOPLE LIVE IN THIS
3 COUNTRY, THIS COUNTY. WHY SHOULD ONLY A FEW PEOPLE DECIDE THIS
4 ISSUE FOR US? I AM CONFIDENT THAT, IF YOU ATTEMPT TO FIGHT
5 THIS AND PROVE THAT THEY ARE IN THE WRONG AND THAT THIS CROSS
6 IS IN NO WAY UNCONSTITUTIONAL, THE PEOPLE OF L.A. COUNTY WILL
7 SUPPORT YOU. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SIDNEY IS UP HERE. JANICE SPAULDING, ARE
12 YOU HERE? CALISTRA, ARE YOU HERE? AND THEN I'D ASK ANASTASIA
13 CASINI TO JOIN US, PLEASE. YES, SIDNEY?

14

15 **SIDNEY RAINGRUBEN:** YES, ARTICLE 7 OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION.
16 "THE RATIFICATION OF THE CONVENTIONS OF NINE STATES SHALL BE
17 SUFFICIENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS CONSTITUTION BETWEEN
18 THE STATE SO RATIFYING THE SAME. THIS IS DONE IN CONVENTION BY
19 THE UNANIMOUS CONSENT OF THE STATE'S PRESIDENT, THE 17TH DAY
20 OF SEPTEMBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, 1787 AND OF THE
21 INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE 12TH IN
22 WITNESS WHEREOF WE HAVE HERE UNTO SUBSCRIBED OUR NAMES"
23 BEGINNING WITH GEORGE WASHINGTON, MADISON, HAMILTON, FRANKLIN
24 ALSO SIGNED IT, AND 35 OTHERS. THE POINT IS, IN THE YEAR OF
25 OUR LORD IS STILL THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, AND WE ARE THE



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1 HERITAGE OF THE FOUNDING FATHERS WHERE IT SAYS DO ESTABLISH
2 THIS CONSTITUTION TO OURSELVES AND OUR POSTERITY THAT IS US,
3 AND JESUS CHRIST IS THE REPRESENTATION OF OUR LORD-- HE IS OUR
4 LORD AND HIS REPRESENTATION IS THAT CROSS. YOU CAN TAKE IT OFF
5 THE SEAL AND YOU CAN TAKE IT ANYWHERE YOU WANT BUT YOU CANNOT
6 TAKE IT FROM THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, NO MATTER
7 WHAT THE A.C.L.U. TELLS YOU! THEY'RE LIARS AND THE NINTH CHIEF
8 JUSTICE...

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY, YOUR TIME'S UP. OKAY. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SIDNEY RAINGRUBEN:** HOPE YOU GUYS GET IT RIGHT!

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. JANET-- JANET SPAULDING FOLLOWED BY
15 CALISTRA, FOLLOWED BY ANASTASIA. DID I SAY THAT CORRECTLY?
16 PRETTY CLOSE? AND THEN I'D ASK CLARITA PENA TO JOIN US,
17 PLEASE. JANET?

18

19 **JANET SPAULDING:** OKAY. I'M JANET SPAULDING. I LIVE NEAR THE
20 CITY OF POMONA AND, WHEN I FIRST LEARNED WHAT THE NAME POMONA
21 MEANT, THE GODDESS OF FRUITS AND FRUIT TREES, I WAS A LITTLE
22 SAD BECAUSE I'M NOT INTO GODS AND GODDESSES, I'M INTO WHOM I
23 BELIEVE IS THE ONE WHO IS THE TRUE GOD. BUT I HOPE THAT I
24 WOULD NEVER BE SO ARROGANT AS TO THINK THAT THE WHOLE CITY OF
25 POMONA OR COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SHOULD CHANGE THEIR NAME,



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1 THEIR HISTORY, AND THEIR SEAL AT GREAT EXPENSE JUST BECAUSE I
2 HAVE A PROBLEM WITH IT. CERTAIN THINGS CAN BE REASONABLY
3 IGNORED OR REASONABLY OVERLOOKED.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** CALISTRA?

8

9 **CALISTRA AGUILAR WEBB:** YES, MY NAME IS CALISTRA AGUILAR WEBB.
10 I'M A COMPOSER AND A SINGER. THE LORD GIVES ME LOVE SONGS FOR
11 NATIONS AND I HOPE I CAN DO THE LOVE SONG FOR LOS ANGELES
12 BECAUSE THE LORD TOLD ME THAT LOS ANGELES WAS THE HEART OF
13 THIS NATION. AND, WHEN HE STARTED POURING BLESSINGS ON L.A.,
14 THEY WOULD OVERFLOW TO THE OTHER CITIES AND THE REST OF THE
15 COUNTRY.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

18

19 **CALISTRA AGUILAR WEBB:** ANYWAY, LET ME SEE.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ANASTASIA? ARE YOU... [MUSIC]

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OH. [MUSIC]

24



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1 **CALISTRA AGUILAR WEBB:** I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN... WHY DON'T I
2 JUST READ IT TO YOU, THE LOVE SONG FOR LOS ANGELES.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

5

6 **CALISTRA AGUILAR WEBB:** IT SAYS "YOU'RE SO PRECIOUS TO ME, L.A.
7 I AM JEHOVAH, GOD OF LOVE. I'VE COME TO TAKE YOUR SHAME AND
8 PAIN AND BRING YOU BLESSINGS FROM ABOVE. SEEK FIRST MY KINGDOM
9 EVERY DAY. THEN I WILL TELL YOU WHAT TO DO AND EVERY BATTLE
10 YOU WILL WIN BECAUSE I'LL BE FIGHTING FOR YOU. THIS IS THE DAY
11 THAT I HAVE MADE TO ANSWER PRAYERS AND BLESS L.A., TO HEAL THE
12 SICK AND SAVE THE LOST BECAUSE I'VE HEARD MY CHILDREN PRAY.
13 RESTORE OUR CITY, LORD, YOU'VE CRIED. I'VE SEEN YOUR TEARS
14 FLOW NIGHT AND DAY. WELL, LIFT YOUR HANDS AND SHOUT WITH JOY,
15 FOR I HAVE COME TO BLESS L.A. (SPEAKING SPANISH) EVEN THE
16 SEAS, THEY CAN'T IGNORE. THE MEADOW, THE BLUE SKIES...
17 (SPEAKING SPANISH)

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

20

21 **CALISTRA AGUILAR WEBB:** (SPEAKING SPANISH).

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ANASTASIA AND THEN CLARITA AND
24 THEN NICK PERDARIS, IF I SAID THAT CORRECTLY. I MAY HAVE
25 MESSED IT UP BUT... ANASTASIA?



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2 **ANASTASIA CASINI:** HI. MY NAME IS ANASTASIA CASINI AND I AM A
3 16-YEAR-OLD STUDENT FROM LONG BEACH. THE CROSS ON THE COUNTY
4 SEAL IS PART OF HISTORY. IT MAKES AS MUCH SENSE TO TAKE IT OFF
5 AS IT DOES TO GET RID OF THE MISSIONS OR RENAME CITIES THAT
6 HAVE BEEN NAMED AFTER SAINTS. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN. [
9 APPLAUSE]

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** CLARITA PENA THEN NICK, AND THEN I WOULD
12 ASK OPHELIA RAMOS TO JOIN US. OPHELIA NEEDS A TRANSLATOR. AND
13 THEN I WOULD ASK DAVID WILLS TO JOIN US. OKAY. CLARITA?

14

15 **CLARITA GUSTAFAN-PENA:** MY NAME IS CLARITA GUSTAFSON-PENA AND I
16 COME TO YOU AS AN AMERICAN OF HISPANIC HERITAGE. I'M HONORED
17 TO BE ABLE TO JUST BRIEFLY ASK ALL THREE OF YOU TO PLEASE
18 RECONSIDER VOTING AGAIN TO MAINTAIN THE CROSS ON OUR SEAL. THE
19 A.C.L.U., TO ME, REMINDS ME, TRULY, OF A LOT OF THE LEFT WING
20 ORGANIZATIONS THAT I WAS VERY ACTIVE AND PARTICIPATED IN MY
21 U.C.L.A. DAYS, IN THE LATE '60S, EARLY '70S. IT WAS PRECISELY
22 THIS IDEA OF THE-- AGAINST-- OR AT LEAST MY PERCEPTION OF WHAT
23 I PERCEIVED WAS AN ANTI-AMERICAN, ANTI-GOD, ANTI-JUDEO-
24 CHRISTIAN VALUES IN SOME OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS, THE STUDENT
25 FOR DEMOCRATIC ACTION, LATE '60S, THE CHICANO STUDIES, WHERE I



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1 BEGAN TO DRAW THE LINE IN THE SAND, SO TO SPEAK. A LOT OF
2 WORTHY CAUSES, A LOT OF NOBLE PEOPLE, WELL-INTENTIONED CAUSES
3 INDEED, PERMEATING IN SOME OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS BUT,
4 ULTIMATELY, WHAT DROVE ME TO CHECK OUT THE ENEMY CHAMP, WHICH
5 AT THE TIME FOR ME WOULD BE THE REPUBLICAN PARTY, THAT'S WHERE
6 I FOUND AT LEAST THIS CONCEPT OF GOD AND A RESPECT FOR GOD AND
7 A RESPECT FOR OUR JUDEO-CHRISTIAN VALUES, WHICH IS REALLY, IN
8 ESSENCE, WHAT BROUGHT MY PARENTS AND I FROM LATIN AMERICA IN
9 THE '50S. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NICK, AND THEN OPHELIA, AND THEN DAVID AND
12 THEN I'D ASK EDGAR MARTINEZ TO JOIN US AS WELL, TOO.

13

14 **NICK PERDARIS:** YES, I'M NICK PERDARIS. I'M PRESIDENT OF THE
15 AHEPA HELLENIC HERITAGE FOUNDATION AND PRESIDENT OF THE
16 BURBANK GLENDALE CHAPTER OF THE ORDER OF AHEPA, WHICH IS
17 AMERICAN HELLENIC EDUCATIONAL PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION. WE ARE
18 FOUNDED IN 1922 IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA, TO FIGHT THE KU KLUX KLAN
19 AND TO EDUCATE THE GREEK IMMIGRANTS AND HELP THEM BECOME
20 AMERICAN CITIZENS. IN THE TRADITION OF RONALD REAGAN AND THE
21 WAY HE BROUGHT DOWN THE EVIL EMPIRE BY BANKRUPTING IT, I
22 IMPLORE THE THREE MEMBERS WHO VOTED FOR REMOVING THE CROSS TO
23 HAVE THE THOROS, THE GREEK WORD FOR COURAGE, TO STAND UP TO
24 THE A.C.L.U. AND BRING DOWN THIS ATHEISTIC, ANTI-AMERICAN,
25 EVIL EMPIRE.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OPHELIA, AND THEN WE NEED A TRANSLATOR
5 HERE.

6

7 **OPHELIA RAMOS:** (SPEAKING SPANISH)

8

9 **INTERPRETER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. I REMEMBER WHEN
10 SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA BEGAN HER SERVICE HERE IN THE COUNTY
11 AND WHEN I HEARD THAT SHE WAS ONE OF THOSE THAT VOTED TO
12 REMOVE THE CROSS, I DON'T FEEL SORRY FOR US BECAUSE I KNOW THE
13 CROSS WILL STAY THERE. I FEEL SORRY FOR HER BECAUSE SHE'S
14 REPRESENTING US, THE LATINOS. [APPLAUSE] [GAVEL] [
15 APPLAUSE CONTINUES]

16

17 **OPHELIA RAMOS:** (SPEAKING SPANISH)

18

19 **INTERPRETER:** AND REMEMBER, THERE ARE A LOT OF CHILDREN IN THE
20 STREET THAT USE DRUGS AND THE CHILDREN NEED TO BE WITH THEM,
21 SO THEN IT WOULD BE BETTER TO FOCUS ON THE CHILDREN THAT ARE
22 IN THE SERVICES AND THEY NEED REHABILITATION HOMES TO HAVE
23 THEIR CHILDREN-- TO HAVE THEIR MOTHERS AND FATHERS.

24



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1 **INTERPRETER:** WHY WASTE TIME AND REMOVE A SYMBOL, THE CROSS,
2 THAT MEANS ALWAYS JESUS IS FOREVER. HIS WORD IS ETERNAL. [
3 APPLAUSE]

4

5 **OPHELIA RAMOS:** (SPEAKING SPANISH) .

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WRAP IT UP.

8

9 **INTERPRETER:** AND THIS IS-- AND WHAT JESUS SAYS IS GOING TO
10 HAPPEN, NOT WHAT YOU SAY. SO, THEREFORE, WE GIVE IT UP TO THE
11 LORD AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARE YOU EDGAR? OKAY. DAVID WELLS
14 AND EDGAR MARTINEZ, AND I'D ASK EVELYN BRADLEY TO JOIN US AND
15 CHRISTINA BLANCHARD.

16

17 **DAVID WILLS:** AND JUST FOR THE FULL DISCLOSURE, I AM A
18 CHRISTIAN, AND THE MAN THAT DIED ON THAT TREE SAVED MY LIFE
19 AND IT SAVED MILLIONS OF OTHER PEOPLE'S LIVES, CERTAINLY
20 WITHIN CALIFORNIA. THE ROMAN GAL NEXT TO HIM, AT LAST COUNT, I
21 DON'T KNOW WHETHER SHE SAVED ANY LIVES IN HER LIFE. CHRIST HAS
22 SAVED A TON OF LIVES AND HE'S REALLY MY LIFE. BUT, APART FROM
23 THAT, I'M AN IMMIGRANT. I MOVED HERE 16 YEARS AGO FROM
24 AUSTRALIA. I CALL AMERICA MY HOME. I HAVE TWO SONS, EVAN AND
25 BRANDON, THEY'RE AGES SEVEN AND NINE. THEY ARE AMERICANS AND



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1 I'M TEACHING THEM ABOUT AMERICA AND WHAT THIS GREAT NATION WAS
2 BUILT ON. AND, AS FAR AS I CAN SEE, WHEN I READ THE
3 CONSTITUTION AND I'M A NEWBIE, YOU KNOW, I READ IT, IT'S
4 PRETTY CLEAR THAT THIS WAS AGAINST HAVING A GOVERNMENT-RUN
5 CHURCH THAT WAS GOING TO TAKE OVER. IT'S FREEDOM. WE'RE
6 FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM. SHE CAN BE UP THERE BUT LEAVE CHRIST UP
7 THERE AND TRYING TO ERASE THAT-- I LOVE AMERICA. AMERICA IS
8 PROSPEROUS IN EVERY WAY AND IT'S DUE TO THAT HISTORY. ERASING
9 THAT FROM AMERICA'S HISTORY IS LIKE TELLING BILL GATES'
10 GRANDKIDS TO FORGET WHERE THEIR TRUST FUND CAME FROM. IT'S
11 THAT OBVIOUS TO ME. [APPLAUSE]

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. EDGAR, THEN EVELYN, CHRISTINA.
14 I'D ASK CHRISTOPHER GUZMAN TO JOIN US, PLEASE.

15

16 **EDGAR MARTINEZ:** I SUPPORT THE REMOVAL OF NOT ONLY THE CROSS
17 BUT THE WHOLE SYMBOL, AND I'M OFFENDED BY IT BECAUSE I ALWAYS
18 BELIEVED THAT WHOEVER OWNS-- IS THE OWNER OF A HOME IS THE ONE
19 THAT SHOULD DECIDE WHAT HISTORY OR WHOSE RELIGION THEY SHOULD
20 PRACTICE. I AM NATIVE AMERICAN AND WHAT YOU CALL-- WE CALL
21 OURSELVES NATIVE PEOPLE BUT, YOU KNOW, I'M OFFENDED BY THAT
22 SEAL BECAUSE NOT ONE PICTURE ON THERE REPRESENTS OUR PEOPLE.
23 HOW ABOUT US? HOW ABOUT THE PEOPLE WHO OWN THIS LAND? YOU KNOW
24 WHAT I MEAN? WHO, OF ALL PEOPLE, HAS MORE OF A RIGHT TO SPEAK
25 FOR THIS LAND? AND GLORIA MOLINA, I MEAN, I KNOW SHE HAS-- YOU



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1 KNOW, SHE HAS SOME MEXICAN INDIAN BLOOD IN HER AND, YET, FOR
2 WHATEVER REASON, DOES NOT REALLY WANT TO SPEAK, I DON'T KNOW
3 HOW SHE THINKS, BUT SHE DOES NOT WANT TO ACTUALLY FIGHT FOR
4 WHAT SHE-- SHE SHOULD KNOW IS RIGHT. MAYBE-- I DON'T KNOW WHY,
5 POLITICAL REASONS OR WHATEVER. SO I'LL SPEAK FOR YOU, I'LL DO
6 IT FOR YOU. YOU SHOULDN'T FIGHT FOR THEM. YOU SHOULD FIGHT FOR
7 THE OWNERS OF THIS LAND, THE PEOPLE WHO'VE BEEN OPPRESSED. YOU
8 SPEAK OF THE HISTORY OF AMERICA, LIKE, WOW, IT'S SO BEAUTIFUL,
9 COLOR COATING IT, YOU KNOW? WHY DON'T YOU SAY THE TRUE HISTORY
10 THAT YOU DON'T HEAR IN HISTORY BOOKS ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TO
11 US. THE LADY WHO HAD THE GALL AND THE NERVE TO MENTION THE
12 MISSIONARIES BY THE SPANIARDS, OF ALL PEOPLE? GOD, WE-- NOBODY
13 SUFFERED MORE BY THE SPANIARDS...

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE, PLEASE. [GAVEL] BE RESPECTFUL.

16

17 **EDGAR MARTINEZ:** NOBODY SUFFERED MORE BY THE SPANIARDS THAN US
18 BY THOSE, WHEN THEY USED TO...

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. YOUR TIME IS UP.

21

22 **EDGAR MARTINEZ:** ...GET US NAKED, WHIP US IN THE BACK, NAKED.

23



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. YOUR TIME IS UP. THANK YOU. EVELYN
2 BRADLEY, CHRISTINA BLANCHARD WILL BE NEXT, THEN CHRISTOPHER
3 GUZMAN.

4

5 **MALE VOICE:** BOO!

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE! WE ASK RESPECTFUL. ARA PIRANIAN. [
8 INTERJECTIONS]

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE. EVELYN, IF YOU'D GO AHEAD.

11

12 **EVELYN BRADLEY:** MY NAME IS EVELYN BRADLEY. I REPRESENT THE
13 CONGRESS FOR AMERICAN PRINCIPLES PROTECTING AMERICAN
14 PRINCIPLES BASED ON THE TEN COMMANDMENTS AND OUR FOUNDER,
15 EDWARD DELORETTO, RECENTLY DECEASED. IT HAS BEEN A THRILL TO
16 BE HERE THIS MORNING. I WISHED ALL OF YOU INSIDE HERE COULD
17 HAVE CAUGHT THE EMOTION AND THE PASSION OF THE TWO, 3,000
18 PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN OUTSIDE FOR TWO, THREE HOURS WITH ALL
19 THEIR HOMEMADE SIGNS SUPPORTING THIS CROSS. AND I THANK YOU
20 FOR ALLOWING THE PEOPLE TO SPEAK TODAY. THAT'S A PRIVILEGE AND
21 A RIGHT THAT THE A.C.L.U. HASN'T FILED A LAWSUIT AGAINST YET.
22 THERE'S BEEN MUCH INFORMATION AND BRAINWASHING THAT HAS BEEN
23 FOSTERED UPON US FOR THE PAST 40 TO 50 YEARS BY THE A.C.L.U.
24 AND BY SOME OF THE MEDIA, SOME OF THE SCHOOLS AND I'M 74 YEARS
25 OLD. I KNOW THE TRUTH. I'M AN EDUCATOR FOR 34 YEARS. AND, AS



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1 ONE LADY ELOQUENTLY RECITED THE FIST AMENDMENT JUST A FEW
2 LITTLE BIT AGO, IT WAS CONGRESS THAT IT WAS TOLD IN THE FIRST
3 AMENDMENT THAT CONGRESS SHALL MAKE NO LAW RESPECTING AN
4 ESTABLISHMENT OF RELIGION OR PROHIBITING THE FREE EXERCISE
5 THEREOF. THEREFORE, THERE IS NO SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND
6 STATE, THERE IS NO LAW THAT THE A.C.L.U. CAN FILE AGAINST.
7 THERE IS NO LAW. OUR TENTH AMENDMENT GAVE STATES THE RIGHT TO
8 MAKE ANY LAW THAT'S NOT DELEGATED TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR
9 ANY RIGHT THAT WAS DELEGATED TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. AND SO
10 THE CROSS IS LEGAL. AND THE A.C.L.U., WHO FUNCTIONS AS THE
11 ANTI-TRUTH, ANTI-GOD, ANTI-AMERICAN ORGANIZATION, THEY SHOULD
12 BE EXPOSED AS THE BULLIES, THE TERRORISTS THAT THEY ARE. THE
13 A.C.L.U., THEY MAKE MILLIONS AND BILLIONS BY THREATENING
14 LAWSUITS.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY, IF YOU CAN WRAP UP YOUR COMMENTS,
17 YOUR TIME IS UP.

18

19 **EVELYN BRADLEY:** DEFEND THE CROSS. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. CHRISTINA AND THEN CHRISTOPHER,
22 IS ARA UP HERE? OKAY. AND THEN I'D ASK ROGER FREELAND TO JOIN
23 US AS WELL, TOO. CHRISTINA?

24



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1 **CHRISTINA BLANCHARD:** MY NAME IS CHRISTINA BLANCHARD. I WAS
2 BORN IN LOS ANGELES IN EAST L.A. AT THE GENERAL HOSPITAL. I'M
3 ONE OF 18 CHILDREN. MY PARENTS MIGRATED HERE FROM MEXICO.
4 ANYWAY, AS I WAS INTERVIEWED THIS AFTERNOON BY FOX 11, HE
5 ASKED ME WHY AM I HERE. I'M HERE TO DEFEND THE CROSS, NOT JUST
6 AS A CHRISTIAN SYMBOL, BUT ALL THOSE SYMBOLS ON THAT SEAL
7 REPRESENT CALIFORNIA AND THE WORKERS, OUR INDUSTRIES. GLORIA,
8 I ADDRESS THIS TO YOU BECAUSE I REALLY-- THE TIME I'VE BEEN
9 SPENDING IN HERE, I DON'T EVEN THINK YOU'RE LISTENING, YOU'RE
10 TOO BUSY DRINKING YOUR WATER. YOU KNOW WHAT? WHERE IS IT GOING
11 TO STOP? A.C.L.U., ARE YOU GOING TO START REMOVING THE SEAL
12 FROM THE MEDICAL WHERE IT HAS A ROD AND TWO SERPENTS? THAT
13 CAME ALSO FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT. ARE YOU GOING TO START
14 REMOVING THE EL CAMINO REAL SYMBOLS THROUGHOUT SAN DIEGO ALL
15 THE WAY TO SAN FRANCISCO? ARE YOU GOING TO REMOVE-- RENAME LOS
16 ANGELES, WHICH MEANS THE ANGELS? WHERE IS IT GOING TO STOP?
17 AND THANK YOU FOR THE TWO THAT VOTED AGAINST THIS. GOD BLESS
18 YOU BOTH.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. CHRISTOPHER-- CHRISTOPHER
21 GUZMAN, AND THEN ARA AND THEN ROGER, AND THEN I'D ASK YELBA
22 POZO TO COME FORWARD. SHE KNEES A TRANSLATOR.

23

24 **CHRISTOPHER GUZMAN:** MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I'D LIKE TO READ A
25 STATEMENT. ONE NEED NOT BE A RELIGIOUS PERSON TO FOLLOW THE



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1 LAWS UPON WHICH THIS COUNTRY IS FOUNDED. IN FACT, ONE HAS NO
2 EXCUSE TO NOT FOLLOW THE LAWS OF THIS COUNTRY. AS IT HAS
3 ALREADY BEEN SAID, RELIGION SIMPLY GIVES A FIRM, MORAL, AND
4 OBJECTIVE STANDARD BY WHICH RIGHT AND WRONG ARE DISTINGUISHED.
5 THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS NOT CONSTRAINING PEOPLE TO
6 BELIEVE THAT CHRIST IS THE MESSIAH. MORAL PRINCIPLES ARE
7 MERELY DERIVED FROM RELIGION TO ESTABLISH MORAL LAWS. FOR A
8 CITIZEN NOT TO FOLLOW THESE MORAL LAWS UNDER THE NOTION THAT
9 THEY ARE TOO RELIGIOUS FOR HIM WOULD BE TO CONTRADICT ONE OF
10 HIS VERY PURPOSES FOR LIVING UNDER THE UNITED STATES
11 GOVERNMENT. HOW CAN HIS INALIENABLE RIGHTS BE GRANTED TO HIM
12 IN THE DECLARATION BE SECURE WITHOUT A FIRM FOUNDATION OF
13 LAWS? IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE PRESERVATION OF ALL PEOPLE, THERE
14 NEEDS TO BE CERTAIN OBJECTIVE LAWS ESTABLISHED, AND BY THOSE,
15 THE OBJECTIVE LAWS ARE ESTABLISHED BY THE CROSS. WE'RE NOT
16 CONSTRAINING PEOPLE TO BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, WE'RE NOT
17 FORCING PEOPLE TO BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, AND IF THAT CROSS
18 IS REMOVED, I WILL MAKE SURE THAT MOLINA, BURKE, AND
19 YAROSLAVSKY WILL BE REMOVED FROM OFFICE. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE
20]

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ARA AND THEN I WOULD ASK YELBA
23 TO JOIN US, AND THEN DELMI PERSMANIS, IF I SAID THAT
24 CORRECTLY. IF NOT, I APOLOGIZE. ARA?

25



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1 **ARA PIRANIAN:** MY NAME IS ARA PIRANIAN. I LIVE IN THE COUNTY OF
2 LOS ANGELES. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, I WANT TO SAY TO YOU THAT
3 YOU STAND TODAY A BLESSED MAN AND A HERO TO THE PEOPLE OF THIS
4 GREAT COUNTY. AND SINCE THIS STRUGGLE IS ABOUT THE SYMBOL OF
5 THE CROSS, IT'S ONLY FITTING THAT I READ FROM THE WORDS OF
6 JESUS, WHO WOULD SAY TO YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, "BLESSED
7 ARE THEY WHICH DO HUNGER AND THIRST AFTER RIGHTEOUSNESS, FOR
8 THEY SHALL BE FILLED." AND THAT'S WHAT YOU HAVE DONE BY TAKING
9 A STAND FOR THE JUDEO-CHRISTIAN HERITAGE OF THIS NATION. YOU
10 HAVE THIRSTED AFTER RIGHTEOUSNESS AND TRUTH. AND TO THE
11 BROTHERS AND SISTERS THAT HAVE GATHERED TODAY OUTSIDE, THE
12 LORD WOULD SAY TO YOU, "BLESSED ARE YE WHEN MEN SHALL REVILE
13 YOU AND PERSECUTE YOU AND SHALL SAY ALL MANNER OF EVIL AGAINST
14 YOU FALSELY FOR MY SAKE, REJOICE AND BE EXCEEDING GLAD, FOR
15 GREAT IS YOUR REWARD IN HEAVEN, FOR SO PERSECUTED THEY, THE
16 PROPHETS, WHICH WERE BEFORE YOU."

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

19

20 **ARA PIRANIAN:** AND I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO PASS ON THIS LETTER TO
21 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, IF THE GUARDS MAY DO SO.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THEN ROGER FREELAND, IF YOU'D GO
24 AHEAD, THEN WE YELBA, AND THEN DELMI, AND THEN I'D ASK ROSARIO



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1 GUZMAN TO JOIN US AS WELL, ROSARIO NEEDS A TRANSLATOR AS WELL,
2 TOO.

3

4 **ROGER FREELAND:** THANK YOU, SIR. MY NAME IS ROGER FREELAND. I
5 WOULD LIKE TO ONLY OFFER A VERY BRIEF PRAYER. HOLY AND LOVING
6 GOD, YOUR WORD SAYS THAT WE WAR NOT AGAINST FLESH BUT AGAINST
7 POWERS, PRINCIPALITIES AND RULERS IN HIGH PLACES. LORD, IN
8 YOUR MERCY, WILL YOU STRETCH OUT YOUR HAND TO BRING WISDOM, TO
9 BRING CONFIDENCE IN THE DECISIONS THAT ARE MADE HERE TODAY.
10 AND MAY THE GLORY OF THE CROSS OF CHRIST REMAIN ON THE EMBLEM
11 OF OUR COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. FATHER, I ASK ALSO THAT YOU
12 WOULD RICHLY BLESS ALL OF OUR SUPERVISORS WHOM WE GIVE RESPECT
13 AND HONOR DUE THEM AND THAT YOU WOULD BLESS THEM WITH
14 PROTECTION, HEALTH, PROSPERITY, AS WELL AS WISDOM. IN JESUS'
15 NAME. AMEN.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YELBA. [APPLAUSE]

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YELBA NEEDS A TRANSLATOR, AND THEN DELMI,
20 AND THEN ROSARIO, THEN THE LAST MEMBER TO TESTIFY WILL BE
21 OPHELIA GAVIRIA. YELBA.

22

23 **YELBA POZO:** (SPEAKING SPANISH).

24



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1 **INTERPRETER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS YELBA POZO. I'M HERE
2 BECAUSE I HAVE A DISQUIETED HEART. I KNOW THAT THE DISCORD
3 TODAY IS BECAUSE YOU WANT TO REMOVE THE CROSS OF THE SEAL OF
4 THE COUNTY. THAT SYMBOL HAT OCCUPIES THAT SEAL, THE MOST HOLY
5 SPOT. BUT IT SEEMS THAT IT'S A BOTHER THAT IT BE THERE. I KNOW
6 THAT THE LORD JESUS WAS BURDENED FOR MY SINS AND THOSE THAT
7 WANT TO GIVE THEMSELVES TO HIM. I SEE THAT THE GODDESS OF
8 FERTILITY OCCUPIES A SPOT, A BIG AREA. SHE IS THERE DOING VERY
9 WELL, THANK YOU. AND A WHILE BACK, PRAYER WAS REMOVED FROM
10 SCHOOLS. IT WAS A VILE ACT. THE YOUTH LOST FAITH, LOST LOVE OF
11 GOD, RESPECT TO PARENTS. IT WAS VILE.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

14

15 **INTERPRETER:** NOW, WE WANT TO REMOVE THE CROSS, THE BLESSING OF
16 THIS NATION IS WHAT I BELIEVE.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

19

20 **INTERPRETER:** I WOULD ASK YOU THAT YOU RECTIFY THAT IT NOT BE
21 REMOVED. THE HISTORY...

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DELMI?

24

25 **INTERPRETER:** GOD BLESS YOU. [APPLAUSE]



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THEN ROSARIO.

3

4 **DELMİ PERSMANIS:** MY NAME IS DELMI PERSMANIS, I SPEAK ENGLISH
5 BUT NOT VERY WELL SO IT'S BETTER FOR ME IN SPANISH. AND, ALSO,
6 A LOT OF PEOPLE UNDERSTAND HERE SPANISH. (SPEAKING SPANISH)

7

8 **INTERPRETER:** THIS MORNING, I DID EVERYTHING IN MY POWER TO BE
9 HERE TODAY BECAUSE A LOT OF PEOPLE WOULD LIKE TO BE HERE
10 TODAY. UNFORTUNATELY, BECAUSE OF WORK, THEY CAN'T BE HERE. BUT
11 THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY, WE FEEL PROFOUNDLY LEFT OUT WITHOUT
12 AUTHORITY BECAUSE THE PEOPLE THAT GOD HAS PREVENTED WOULD
13 REPRESENT US, THEY DON'T DO IT AS WE WOULD LIKE. BUT HE HAS
14 THEM IN HIS POWER, FOR HIS GREAT LOVE AND MERCY, BUT HE CAN
15 REMOVE THEM AS WELL. [APPLAUSE]

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

18

19 **DELMİ PERSMANIS:** (SPEAKING SPANISH).

20

21 **INTERPRETER):** JESUS, BEING THE SON OF GOD, LOVE THE CROSS.
22 SINCE HE WAS A CHILD, FOR THE LOVE OF MYSELF AND ALL THE
23 WORLD. [APPLAUSE]

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.



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2 **DELMÍ PERSMANIS:** (SPEAKING SPANISH).

3

4 **INTERPRETER):** AND THE SON OF GOD. I WOULD EXPECT THAT THOSE
5 THAT ARE AGAINST THE CROSS WOULD REFLECT AND UNDERSTAND CHRIST
6 LOVES YOU. [APPLAUSE]

7

8 **INTERPRETER:** THESE ARE MY HEART AND THIS MORNING...

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** COULD YOU ASK HER TO WRAP IT UP? TIME IS...

11

12 **INTERPRETER:** (SPEAKING SPANISH)

13

14 **DELMÍ PERSMANIS:** (SPEAKING SPANISH).

15

16 **INTERPRETER):** THE LORD BLESS US ALL. DELMI PERSMANIS: GOD
17 BLESS YOU.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND THEN ROSARIO AND THEN--
20 UNLESS THAT WAS ROSARIO, AND THEN OPHELIA NEEDS A TRANSLATOR
21 BUT I'M GOING TO ASK, AND HE'S CORRECT, I CALLED HER UNDER A
22 DIFFERENT NAME. I APOLOGIZE. I CALLED OUT JOHN CARLSON. IT'S
23 JOHN GARRISON. JOHN, IF YOU'RE STILL HERE, I APOLOGIZE. I
24 CALLED YOU EARLIER BUT I DIDN'T READ YOUR PRINTING AS WELL AS
25 I SHOULD HAVE.



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2 **JOHN GARRISON:** WELL, I PATIENTLY WAITED.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. OKAY. OPHELIA?

5

6 **OPHELIA GAVIRIA:** (SPEAKING SPANISH).

7

8 **INTERPRETER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISOR MOLINA. YOU ARE A

9 HISPANIC, YOU ARE A PRIDE OF THE HISPANICS. OF ALL THE WOMEN,

10 ALL THE HISPANIC WOMEN, MY HEART WANTS TO SPEAK TO YOU. I CAME

11 TO THIS COUNTRY, I'VE WORKED A LOT.

12

13 **OPHELIA GAVIRIA:** (VOICE WAVERING)

14

15 **INTERPRETER:** I'VE RAISED MY CHILDREN, I'VE WORKED AS A

16 HOMEMAKER. BUT I'M REALLY PROUD OF THIS CITY AND I ADMIRE YOU

17 BECAUSE YOU'VE BEEN PROTECTED BY THE CROSS. MRS. MOLINA, I

18 ADMIRE YOU FOR BEING LATINA BUT DON'T DEFRAUD US TO REMOVE THE

19 CROSS. IT'S A SYMBOL OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST.

20

21 **OPHELIA GAVIRIA:** (VOICE WAVERING)

22

23 **INTERPRETER:** REMEMBER, ON THIS THE CROSS, JESUS CHRIST DIED.

24

25 **OPHELIA GAVIRIA:** (VOICE WAVERING)



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2 **INTERPRETER:** THAT THIS BLOOD HE SAVED, BECAUSE OF CHRIST, YOU
3 ARE HERE, SEATED. DON'T FORGET HISPANICS. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] [GAVEL]

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** JOHN GARRISON.

8

9 **JOHN GARRISON:** YES. MY NAME IS JOHN GARRISON, I RESIDE IN
10 LANCASTER. THIS MORNING, WE STARTED OFF WITH A TRIBUTE TO A
11 GREAT MAN AND I WANT TO TELL YOU THAT, ONE DAY IN SANTA
12 BARBARA, I WAS A CHEF AND I WAS COOKING AT THE BILTMORE HOTEL
13 AND I KNEW THAT I WOULD SPEAK TO THIS MAN THAT WAS COMING
14 THROUGH TO BE HONORED THROUGH A PRESS CONFERENCE RECEPTION
15 AND, SURE ENOUGH, WHEN I CHANGED MY CHEF'S COAT AND I STOOD IN
16 LINE, OUR EYES CROSSED AND HE CAME WALKING OVER TO ME, THE
17 PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, OUR HANDS EXTENDED AND WE
18 LOOKED EYEBALL TO EYEBALL. AT THAT POINT, THE SECRET SERVICE
19 WAS SURROUNDING ME AND I SAID, "I JUST HAVE TWO QUICK THINGS I
20 WANT TO TELL YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. ONE IS OMAR KADAFI, HE SEEMS
21 LIKE A CRAZY MAN", AND IN THE PRESIDENT'S QUICK WORDS, HE
22 SAID, "THEY SHOT FIRST." AND THEN I SAID, "WITH THE OLD
23 PEOPLE, THEY WERE TAMPERING WITH SOCIAL SECURITY," I SAID,
24 "MR. PRESIDENT, PLEASE, WHATEVER YOU DO WITH SOCIAL SECURITY,
25 PLEASE DON'T TAKE AWAY THEIR BENEFITS," AND, AT THAT POINT,



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1 NANCY REAGAN BUTTED INTO THE LINE, BECAUSE SHE CAN, MOVED THE
2 SECRET SERVICE AWAY, AND I TOLD HER IT WAS REALLY NICE TO HAVE
3 HER IN THE OFFICE. THEY SHOT FIRST, THE A.C.L.U. HAS SHOT
4 FIRST. TAKE UP THE BATTLE AND FIGHT. THAT'S WHAT PRESIDENT
5 REAGAN DID. THAT'S WHAT YOU SHOULD DO. FOLLOW HIS LEAD. THANK
6 YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND THEN YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY.

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10 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** I THANK YOU FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO
11 ADDRESS THE BOARD. I'D LIKE TO FIRST SAY, OF COURSE, WE'VE
12 ALWAYS FALLEN SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD BUT, AS A PERSON WHO
13 TRIES TO BE JUDEO-CHRISTIAN OR HEBREWS, I'D LIKE TO REMIND YOU
14 THAT WE'RE NOT JUST FIGHTING FOR THE CROSS. WHAT DOES IT
15 SYMBOLIZE? DO YOU UNDERSTAND? JESUS SAID HE CAME TO DESTROY
16 THE WORKS OF THE DEVIL. ALSO, HE SAID THINK NOT THAT I BRING
17 PEACE BUT I COME TO BRING A SWORD. AND I HAVE TO SAY THAT I
18 NORMALLY SPEAK ABOUT DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY
19 SERVICES ISSUES AND THE A.C.L.U. HAS TAKEN A POSITION TO
20 DEFEND THE NORTH AMERICAN MAN/BOY LOVERS ASSOCIATION,
21 PRESERVING THEIR RIGHT TO ABUSE, MOLEST YOUNG CHILDREN, AND I
22 WOULD HOPE THAT, IN LIGHT OF THEIR VIEW AGAINST THE CROSS AND
23 THEIR OPEN, THEIR OPEN SUPPORT OF PEDOPHILIA, HOMOSEXUALITY,
24 AND OTHER ANTI-CHRISTIAN ACTS, I HOPE THAT YOU WOULD CONSIDER
25 MOST OF OUR PLEAS HERE TODAY. AND, ALSO, I HAVE TO SAY THAT



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1 YVONNE BRATHWAITE BURKE, AND ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, GLORIA MOLINA,
2 IT DOESN'T REALLY SURPRISE ME THAT YOU WOULD VOTE AGAINST THE
3 CROSS. AGAIN, IT'S NOT JUST THE CROSS BUT WHAT IT SYMBOLIZES.
4 WHEN YOU SAY THAT PRAYER, YOU CAN SUPPORT THE CROSS BUT ARE
5 YOU LIVING TOWARD WHAT CHRIST SYMBOLIZES? WE ALL HAVE TO TRY
6 TO DO THAT. AND WHEN YOU HAVE OPENLY SUPPORTED AGAIN, THIS
7 GOES BACK TO THE CHILDREN, THERE WAS A DAY WHEN YOU...

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IF YOU COULD WRAP IT UP, PLEASE.

10

11 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** OKAY, RIGHT. YOU WERE RECEIVING FUNDS
12 FROM THE GAY, LESBIAN, HOMOSEXUAL, TRANSVESTITE, WAS THERE
13 BESTIALITY AND PEDOPHILIA, YOU KNOW, THAT WERE SUPPORTED IN
14 THAT GROUP...

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE WRAP IT UP, YVONNE, THANK YOU.

17

18 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** ...THAT'S ANTI-CHRISTIAN AND I THINK
19 THERE SHOULD BE AN INVESTIGATION AS TO WHO IS FUNDING YOU AND
20 WHY YOU'RE AGAINST THE CROSS. EVERYONE HAS AN OPPORTUNITY AND
21 RIGHT TO SPEAK BUT I ALSO WANT TO SPEAK ABOUT, JUST VERY, VERY
22 QUICKLY THE NATURE OF THIS COUNTRY. I DON'T BELIEVE IT'S EVER
23 BEEN CHRISTIAN. OKAY? NOT ONLY WAS THIS LAND TAKEN FROM NATIVE
24 AMERICANS AND THEY WERE SLAUGHTERED. AFRICAN PEOPLE AS WELL.
25 YOU NEED TO THINK ABOUT WHAT THAT SYMBOLIZED. WHAT DID CHRIST



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1 DO IN HIS LIFE AND ARE YOU LIVING IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOD'S
2 WILL AND THAT EXAMPLE THAT WAS SET?

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. OKAY. THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY
5 MUCH. OKAY. [APPLAUSE] [GAVEL]

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WE'LL TAKE ITEM 64-C FIRST. MR. ANTONOVICH
8 HELD IT AS WELL AS MR. YAROSLAVSKY. "C" IS THE RECOMMENDATION
9 TO-- FOR YOU TO CHANGE YOUR VOTE.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE MOTION BEFORE US TODAY IS A MOTION I PUT
12 ON THE AGENDA, ASKING THAT THE PROPOSAL FROM THE A.C.L.U. BE
13 REJECTED AND THAT WE ASK FOR A LEGAL OPINION FROM PRIVATE
14 COUNSEL. THE REASON I DO THAT IS, VERY BASICALLY, AS A RESULT
15 OF THE FAILED OPINION THAT WE HAD RECEIVED FROM COUNTY
16 COUNSEL, WHICH WAS QUITE DISAPPOINTING IN THAT IT WAS A SEVEN
17 PAGE DOCUMENT, OF WHICH ONLY TWO PARAGRAPHS INDICATED LEGAL
18 ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE RETENTION OF THE SEAL AND, SINCE
19 THAT TIME, WE HAVE RECEIVED LEGAL ADVICE FROM THE HEAD OF THE
20 CONSTITUTION OF LAW AT PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY RELATIVE TO THE
21 FACT THAT THE SUPREME COURT HAS NOT RULED ON SUCH A CASE OF
22 THE REMOVAL OF THE CROSS FROM OUR SEAL BECAUSE OF ITS
23 HISTORICAL NATURE. WE ALSO RECEIVED, FROM THE ALLIANCE DEFENSE
24 COUNCIL, A THREE-PAGE OPINION RELATIVE TO THE
25 CONSTITUTIONALITY OF RETAINING THE SEAL ON THAT COUNTY SEAL.



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1 AND THEN THE AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE, AND BOTH
2 THESE HAVE ADVOCATED THEY WOULD DEFEND THIS COUNTY PRO BONO,
3 FREE OF CHARGE... [APPLAUSE] [GAVEL]

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ...BUT, IN THIS DOCUMENT, THIS WAS A SEVEN
6 PAGE DOCUMENT IN DEFENSE OF THE SEAL AND ONE OF THOSE CASES
7 THAT THEY HAD CITED WAS THE ABINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT VERSUS
8 SHEMP, WITH-- AND IT STATED, BASICALLY, "THE ESTABLISHING
9 CLAUSE WAS INTENDED AS A GUARANTEE THAT A PERSON WILL NOT BE
10 EXPOSED TO RELIGION OR RELIGIOUS SYMBOLS" AND THEY STATED,
11 "THE SUPREME COURT IS MINDFUL THE JUSTICE GOLDBERG'S WARNING
12 THAT UNTUTORED DEVOTION TO THE CONCEPT OF NEUTRALITY CAN LEAD
13 TO UPROOTING AND PERVASIVE DEVOTION TO THE SECULAR AND A
14 PASSIVE OR EVEN ACTIVE HOSTILITY TO RELIGION, A RESULT NOT
15 ONLY NOT COMPELLING BY THE CONSTITUTION BUT PROHIBITED BY IT."
16 AND THIS WAS A DECISION WITH GOLDBERG CONCURRING AND THEN
17 THERE WERE SOME OTHER CASES AS WELL THAT THIS COUNTY-- "THE
18 COUNTY COUNSEL'S OFFICE FAILED IN GIVING THIS BOARD OF
19 SUPERVISORS A BALANCED OPINION. THIS OPINION THAT WAS GIVEN TO
20 US COULD HAVE BEEN WRITTEN BY THE A.C.L.U. BECAUSE OF ITS BIAS
21 AND SLANT TOWARD TAKING ACTION TO SUPPORT THE A.C.L.U.'S
22 POSITION WHEN, IN FACT, THE CROSS IS A PART OF A HISTORICAL
23 FACT WITH THE FOUNDING OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, JUST AS
24 THE STAR OF DAVID ON THE SHERIFF'S BADGE IS A REFLECTION OF
25 MOSES AND THE LAWS" THAT-- AND THAT IS A SYMBOL OF THE JUDAIC



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1 HERITAGE AND THE LAW OF MOSES. AND I MIGHT ADD THAT, IF WE
2 WOULD NOT RESCIND THIS-- OR IF WE DON'T REJECT THIS
3 COMPROMISE-- SO-CALLED COMPROMISE, WHICH IS NOT A COMPROMISE,
4 THEN, VERY LIKELY, YOU COULD HAVE OTHER ACTIONS BEING
5 REQUESTED, SUCH AS THE STAR OF DAVID ON THE SHERIFF'S BADGES
6 OR OTHER ACTIONS COULD BE FORTHCOMING BY THE A.C.L.U. HOWEVER,
7 WHAT WE HAVE BEFORE US IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET PRIVATE
8 COUNSEL, FREE OF CHARGE TO GIVE US AN ANALYSIS OF THIS
9 ACTION... [APPLAUSE]

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ...THAT IS BEING PROPOSED BY THIS BOARD.
12 THERE'S ALSO ADDITIONAL PROBLEMS RELATIVE TO THE COST AND
13 REDOING A COUNTY SEAL, WHICH IS NOT-- HAS NOT BEEN PROVIDED TO
14 US AS OF THIS TIME. WAS THE ISSUE RAISED AS TO INTELLECTUAL
15 PROPERTY RIGHTS AND THAT THE SEAL WAS DONE BY A PROFESSIONAL
16 ARTIST AND HIS FAMILY'S ATTORNEY TESTIFIED BEFORE THIS BOARD
17 THAT THE SEAL COULD NOT BE ALTERED IN ANY WAY BECAUSE OF
18 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS. [APPLAUSE]

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT, IN MY OPINION, THE-- WE HAVE THE SUPPORT
21 AND WE OUGHT TO MOVE FORWARD BY SEEKING OUTSIDE COUNSEL
22 OPINION TO BALANCE THE PROPOSAL THAT WE HAD BEFORE US AND I
23 WAS QUITE APPALLED THAT THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S OFFICE WOULD
24 PROVIDE US WITH SUCH AN INFERIOR OPINION ON A VERY SENSITIVE
25 ISSUE. LATER THIS MONTH, THE U.S. SUPREME COURT WILL BE



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1 RULING, WITHIN A WEEK OR SO, ON THE ISSUE OF "UNDER GOD" IN
2 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. VERY LIKELY THAT WILL BE UPHELD BY
3 THE SUPREME COURT, ACCORDING TO THE LEGAL NEWSPAPERS, BUT WHAT
4 THIS IS-- WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO REFLECT THE HISTORICAL
5 NATURE OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. IF THE COUNTY WAS REALLY
6 INTERESTED IN FEELING WHAT THE PEOPLE WANTED, AND IT'S THE
7 PEOPLE'S SEAL, THEN PLACE IT ON THE BALLOT IN NOVEMBER AND LET
8 THE PEOPLE VOTE BUT... [APPLAUSE]

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ...I BELIEVE WHAT YOU WOULD FIND IS WHAT THE
11 RECENT NEWSPAPER, WHO CONDUCTED A POLL, THE DAILY NEWS FOUND
12 94% OF THE PEOPLE SAID LEAVE THE SEAL AS IT IS. 6% SAID CHANGE
13 IT. AND I THINK DENNIS PRAGER IS QUITE ELOQUENT IN HIS
14 STATEMENT BEFORE US TODAY, AS MY GOOD FRIEND, LARRY LEVIN AND
15 OTHERS, DON SCHULTZ, WHO ARE NOT CHRISTIAN BUT WERE IN SUPPORT
16 OF THIS SEAL BEING AS IT IS BECAUSE IT REFLECTS THE HISTORICAL
17 NATURE OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. WHAT I FIND SHOCKING IS
18 THAT THE LARGEST SYMBOL ON THE SEAL, WHICH GOES FROM TOP TO
19 BOTTOM, IS A PAGAN GODDESS, POMONA, WHICH THE A.C.L.U. SAID
20 WAS PERMISSIBLE. THEN I WAS REALLY SHOCKED TO READ IN THE
21 NEWSPAPER ON SATURDAY THAT THE A.C.L.U. HAS NOW TOLD THE CITY
22 OF LOS ANGELES THAT HAVING THE ROSARY ON THEIR SEAL IS
23 PERMISSIBLE BECAUSE THAT'S NOT A REFLECTION OF RELIGION AS THE
24 CROSS IS ON THE COUNTY'S SEAL. THE FACT IS, THEY ARE BOTH
25 HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS AND WHAT THE A.C.L.U. IS NOW AFRAID OF IS



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1 THE OPPOSITION THAT'S BEING CREATED BECAUSE OF THEIR ATTEMPTS,
2 HEAVY-HANDED ATTEMPTS TO HAVE THIS SEAL REMOVED THAT'S ON THE-
3 - THE CROSS REMOVED FROM THE COUNTY SEAL. SO, THE MOTION
4 SPECIFICALLY IS TO SEEK OUTSIDE COUNSEL AND REJECT THE
5 PROPOSAL THAT WOULD BE OFFERED TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BY
6 THE COUNTY COUNSEL.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I WOULD SECOND THAT. I WOULD JUST ADD, I
9 MEAN, REGARDLESS, I KNOW THAT, IN THIS DEBATE, BOTH LAST WEEK
10 AND TODAY, THAT YOU WILL HEAR COMPETING LEGAL OPINIONS. I FEEL
11 AS STRONGLY AS SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH THAT, CLEARLY, THAT
12 COUNTY COUNSEL WROTE A THREE-VOTE OPINION BUT, MORE
13 IMPORTANTLY, I THINK, REGARDLESS OF THE LEGAL OPINION ON
14 EITHER SIDE OF THE ISSUE, AND IT STILL CONTINUES TO BE
15 DEBATABLE, EVEN THOUGH THERE ARE THOSE THAT THINK IT'S SLAM
16 DUNK ON THE SIDE OF FORCING US TO REMOVE THE CROSS. THE ISSUE
17 IS, WHERE DOES IT ALL END? AND I THINK THIS BOARD NEEDS TO
18 STAND UP AND SAY, WAIT A MINUTE. WE HAVE A GREAT HISTORY IN
19 THIS COUNTY. WE HAVE A GREAT HISTORY OF OUR PEOPLE IN THIS
20 COUNTY, IN THIS STATE, AND ENOUGH IS ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. [
21 APPLAUSE]

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WE HAVE PLENTY... [APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WE HAVE HAD-- RECEIVED PLENTY OF OFFERS FOR
2 PRO BONO SERVICES TO DEFEND THIS COUNTY. I THINK WE SHOULD
3 TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT, JUST DUE TO THE BASIC SIZE. IT'S THE
4 LARGEST COUNTY IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. THIS IS A
5 FOOTHOLD THAT WE SHOULD NOT GIVE UP. [ENTHUSIASTIC CHEERS AND
6 APPLAUSE]

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AND SO I KNOW IT'S BEEN A LONG DAY AND I
9 KNOW OTHERS WANT TO SPEAK BUT, WITH THAT, I ALSO KNOW THAT
10 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY HELD THE ITEM AS WELL, TOO. ZEV, DID
11 YOU WANT TO MAKE ANY COMMENT AT THIS POINT?

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HELD IT. I
14 HAVE SOME THINGS TO SAY BUT...

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16 **MALE VOICE:** CAN'T HEAR YOU.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M SORRY. I JUST HELD IT TO MAKE SURE THAT
19 IT WAS HELD, THAT IT DIDN'T GET...

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21 **SUP. BURKE:** (INAUDIBLE) GO AHEAD.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** HE MADE THE COMMENT-- ALL HE WANTED TO MAKE
24 SURE WAS THAT THE ITEM WAS HELD, OKAY? SO, FOR DISCUSSION.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH. I'M NOT SURE, MR. CHAIRMAN, THAT
2 ANYTHING I SAY MAKES ANY DIFFERENCE TO ANYBODY BUT I HAVE TO
3 JUST SHARE MY THOUGHTS ABOUT THIS. IN THE LAST WEEK, THREE OF
4 US, AND I DON'T HAVE TO SPEAK FOR THE OTHER TWO, THEY CAN
5 SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES, BUT I'LL CERTAINLY SPEAK FOR MYSELF,
6 BEEN CALLED ANTI-CHRISTIAN, INSENSITIVE TO OUR HISTORY,
7 WALKING AWAY FROM OUR HISTORY. WHEN THIS LAWSUIT WAS BROUGHT,
8 OR THE THREAT OF A LAWSUIT WAS BROUGHT BY THE A.C.L.U., IT'S
9 BEEN PATENTLY OBVIOUS TO A NUMBER OF US FOR A DECADE OR MORE,
10 GIVEN THE CASES THAT HAVE COME DOWN, THAT THE COUNTY WAS
11 VULNERABLE. NOT ONE OF US RAISED IT HERE, EVER, AT LEAST NOT
12 SINCE I'VE BEEN HERE, BUT WHEN THE ISSUE WAS ENGAGED, WE ASKED
13 OUR COUNTY COUNSEL FOR AN OPINION AND OUR COUNTY COUNSEL HAS
14 NO IDEOLOGICAL INTEREST. I DO NOT BELIEVE HE WAS COUNTING
15 VOTES. I DON'T KNOW HOW HE WOULD HAVE KNOWN WHERE THE VOTES
16 WERE SINCE I WAS OUT OF THE COUNTRY AND HADN'T SAID A WORD
17 ABOUT IT. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE OTHER TWO WHO VOTED LAST WEEK
18 SAID ABOUT IT. BUT THE FIRST THING I WANT TO SAY IS THAT PART
19 OF A RESPONSIBLE GOVERNING BODY IS TO BE ABLE TO STAND UP LIKE
20 GROWN MEN AND WOMEN AND TAKE A LEGAL OPINION FOR WHAT IT IS.
21 IF YOU DON'T AGREE WITH IT, SAY YOU DON'T AGREE WITH IT, BUT
22 DON'T QUESTION AND IMPUGN THE MOTIVES AND THE INTEGRITY AND
23 THE PROFESSIONALISM OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL. THE COUNTY COUNSEL,
24 WHEN YOU CHARGE HIM WITH WRITING A THREE-VOTE OPINION, YOU'RE
25 CHARGING HIM WITH MALPRACTICE. THAT'S NOT WHAT TRANSPIRED



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1 HERE. YOU CAN HAVE A DIFFERENT POINT OF VIEW ABOUT THIS ISSUE.
2 AND YOU CAN ARGUE IT TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT AND THERE ARE
3 CERTAINLY THOSE WHO HAVE BUT NOT A ONE OF THEM WHO HAS ARGUED
4 THIS ON EITHER SIDE HAVE, AS THEIR CLIENT, THE COUNTY OF LOS
5 ANGELES. THERE'S ONLY ONE ATTORNEY WHO HAS, AS HIS CLIENT, THE
6 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, WHETHER WE LIKE IT OR NOT, AND THAT IS
7 MR. FORTNER. HE PROVIDED US WITH LEGAL ADVICE AND HIS LEGAL
8 ADVICE, WHICH WAS NOT MADE PUBLIC LAST WEEK, BUT SINCE ONE
9 MEMBER HERE DID CIRCULATE IT AROUND TOWN, I CERTAINLY
10 CIRCULATED IT AROUND TOWN, I THINK EVERYBODY SHOULD READ HIS
11 LEGAL OPINION. OF COURSE, HIS LEGAL OPINION IS A LITTLE OLD
12 NOW BECAUSE, JUST YESTERDAY, IN THE NINTH CIRCUIT COURT OF
13 APPEALS, JUDGE KACZYNSKI, WRITING THE OPINION, AND JUDGE
14 KACZYNSKI IS NO LIBERAL DEMOCRAT, I THINK HE WAS A RONALD
15 REAGAN APPOINTEE, IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN, JUDGE KACZYNSKI WROTE
16 AN OPINION THAT'S IN THE PAPER THIS MORNING, IF YOU HAVEN'T
17 SEEN IT, THE ARTICLE ABOUT IT, IN THE CASE IN THE MOJAVE
18 DESERT AND IT'S WORTH-- IT BEARS EVERYBODY READING IT. ANOTHER
19 CASE, WHICH, IF THE OPINION HAD BEEN AVAILABLE TO MR. FORTNER
20 LAST TUESDAY INSTEAD OF THIS TUESDAY, I'M SURE IT WOULD HAVE
21 BEEN INCORPORATED INTO HIS OPINION AS WELL. SO, NUMBER ONE, I
22 WANT TO JUST-- I HAVE HAD AS MANY DIFFERENCES OF OPINION WITH
23 THE COUNTY COUNSEL AND, WHEN I WAS WITH THE CITY, WITH THE
24 CITY ATTORNEY, BUT I'VE NEVER HAD OCCASION TO QUESTION, AT
25 LEAST NOT MR. FORTNER, AND LEAST NOT HIS PREDECESSOR, WITH THE



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1 INTEGRITY OF HIS WORK PRODUCT OR THE WORK PRODUCT OF HIS
2 SUBORDINATES. AND, IF THERE IS ANY EVIDENCE THAT ANYONE ON
3 THIS BOARD HAS THAT MR. FORTNER OR HIS SUBORDINATES COUNTED
4 VOTES IN WRITING THIS OPINION AND PROSTITUTED THEMSELVES, THEN
5 YOU PLEASE PROVIDE US WITH THAT INFORMATION. OTHERWISE, I
6 WOULD SUGGEST YOU KEEP YOUR OPINIONS TO YOURSELF ON THAT
7 ISSUE, ON THE ISSUE OF THE INTEGRITY AND THE PROFESSIONALISM
8 OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S OFFICE. SECONDLY, I HAVE TO SAY
9 SOMETHING TO MY-- HE'S NOT-- PROBABLY-- I DON'T KNOW IF HE'S
10 STILL HERE, BUT MY FRIEND, DENNIS PRAGER AND ALL OF THE PEOPLE
11 WHO CAME DOWN HERE AT HIS REQUEST. I'VE KNOWN DENNIS PRAGER
12 SINCE 1969. DENNIS IS A GOOD FRIEND AND I RESPECT A LOT OF
13 WHAT HE'S DONE OR I SHOULD SAY I RESPECT VIRTUALLY EVERYTHING
14 HE'S DONE. I DON'T AGREE WITH EVERYTHING HE'S DONE BUT I
15 CERTAINLY AGREE WITH MORE THAN NOT. AND I REMEMBER DENNIS, THE
16 FIRST TIME I MET HIM, WAS IN 1969 IN NEW YORK CITY, WHEN THERE
17 WAS A MAN BY THE NAME OF MAYOR KAHANA, WHO WAS THE HEAD OF THE
18 JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE, WHICH WAS PURPORTING, IMPLYING THEY
19 WERE USING VIOLENT TACTICS, AND ONE MAN STOOD UP IN AN
20 AUDIENCE THAT WAS NOT VERY-- IN AN AUDIENCE THAT WAS VERY
21 SYMPATHETIC TO KAHANA AT THAT PARTICULAR MOMENT, ONE MAN STOOD
22 UP AND TOOK HIM ON, AND THAT WAS DENNIS PRAGER. DENNIS WAS A
23 LIBERAL THEN. WE WERE ALL MORE LIBERAL THEN. AND I WILL NEVER
24 FORGET THAT AND, NO MATTER WHAT ELSE HAPPENS, I DON'T FORGET
25 THAT BECAUSE IT WAS AN ACT OF GREAT PERSONAL COURAGE AT THE



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1 TIME. WHEN THE A.C.L.U. WROTE ITS LETTER TO THE BOARD, IT
2 DIDN'T THREATEN ME. IT DIDN'T THREATEN ME WITH MY ELECTION, IT
3 DIDN'T SAY, "IF YOU DON'T VOTE MY WAY, WE'RE GOING TO CAMPAIGN
4 AGAINST YOU IN THE NEXT ELECTION." IT DIDN'T SAY, "IF YOU
5 DON'T VOTE MY WAY, WE'RE GOING TO TRASH YOU ALL OVER TOWN." IT
6 JUST SAID, "WE'RE GIVING YOU 14 DAYS TO DECIDE: DO YOU WANT TO
7 FIGHT OR NOT?" WE ASKED THE COUNTY COUNSEL FOR AN OPINION AND
8 I THINK, BASED ON THAT OPINION AND BASED ON THE BODY OF
9 OPINION, THERE'S ONLY ONE CASE IN THE UNITED STATES OF
10 AMERICA, ONE CASE, AND WE ALL KNOW IT'S THE AUSTIN, TEXAS,
11 CASE OF ALL THE CASES WHERE ANY RELIGIOUS SYMBOL WAS
12 SUSTAINED. IN EVERY OTHER CASE, AS LATE AS YESTERDAY IN THE
13 MOJAVE DESERT CASE AGAINST THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
14 RELIGIOUS SYMBOLS HAVE BEEN STRUCK DOWN. AND I DON'T NEED TO
15 MAKE THE CASE FOR WHY THE COURTS HAVE RULED THAT. I THINK
16 TODAY'S HEARING IS AMPLE EVIDENCE AND WOULD BE, FOR ME,
17 EXHIBIT A. BECAUSE LAST TUESDAY, THE ISSUE WAS NOT ABOUT
18 RELIGION AND IT WAS NOT ABOUT CHRISTIANITY OR JUDAISM OR
19 ISLAM; IT WAS ABOUT THE HISTORY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND MY
20 GOOD FRIEND, DENNIS PRAGER, I'VE LISTENED TO HIS SHOW
21 INTENSELY THIS WEEK AND I'VE SPOKEN TO DOZENS AND DOZENS OF
22 PEOPLE WHO HAVE CALLED MY OFFICE PERSONALLY, I'VE TALKED TO
23 THEM, SO I UNDERSTAND WHAT THE MESSAGE IS THAT'S COME ACROSS.
24 AND IF YOU GO TO DENNIS' WEBSITE, IT'S "DON'T WALK AWAY FROM
25 L.A. COUNTY'S HISTORY. DON'T WALK AWAY FROM YOUR HISTORY," NOT



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1 "DON'T REMOVE THE CROSS; DON'T WALK AWAY FROM YOUR HISTORY."
2 AND WHEN WE VOTED LAST WEEK IN CLOSED SESSION, WHICH WAS NOT A
3 SECRET MEETING, MR. ANTONOVICH, IT WAS THE-- WHAT WE DO WHEN
4 WE NEGOTIATE-- WHEN WE NEGOTIATE WITH A POTENTIAL LAWSUIT, WE
5 GO INTO CLOSED SESSION, WHETHER IT'S ON THE CEMEX MINE IN YOUR
6 DISTRICT OR WHETHER IT'S A PENDING LAWSUIT BY THE A.C.L.U., WE
7 WENT INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS IT. WE DID HAVE A PUBLIC
8 DISCUSSION ABOUT THIS LAST WEEK BECAUSE SUPERVISOR KNABE HAD
9 AGENDIZED THE ITEM AND THEN WE WENT INTO CLOSED SESSION AND WE
10 DISCUSSED IT. AND THE WAY IT CAME OUT, AFTER BOTH THE
11 DISCUSSION OUT HERE, MS. MOLINA HAD SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT IT
12 OUT HERE AS WELL, IS WE DECIDED WE WOULD DO THREE THINGS. NOW,
13 YOU WOULDN'T KNOW THIS IF YOU'D BEEN LISTENING TO TALK RADIO
14 THE LAST WEEK. THREE THINGS WE WERE GOING TO DO. NUMBER ONE,
15 WE WERE GOING TO-- IT WAS ALL IN THE CONTEXT OF A PROPOSED
16 RESOLUTION WITH THE A.C.L.U. TO TRY TO AVERT A LAWSUIT. NUMBER
17 ONE, WE WOULD REPLACE THE CROSS WITH A DEPICTION OF THE
18 CALIFORNIA MISSION. I'M SORRY-- NOW... [INTERJECTIONS]

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** LISTEN, PLEASE! [GAVEL]

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NUMBER ONE, AND IT IS AS MUCH A
23 REPRESENTATION, I SPOKE WITH CARDINAL MAHONEY ABOUT THIS
24 YESTERDAY, I'VE SPOKEN TO RELIGIOUS LEADERS OR THE RELIGIOUS
25 CLERGY ABOUT THIS FOR THE LAST SEVERAL DAYS. THERE IS-- WHEN



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1 PEOPLE HEARD THAT THERE WAS AN ALTERNATIVE BEING PROPOSED,
2 THEY HASN'T KNOWN ABOUT THAT, AND IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT
3 HISTORY, IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE HISTORY OF LOS ANGELES
4 COUNTY AND THE ROLE THAT THE MISSIONARIES PLAYED IN THE
5 DEVELOPMENT, IN THE SETTLEMENT OF CALIFORNIA IN THE 18TH AND
6 19TH CENTURY, AND IT IS CLEARLY A PART OF OUR HISTORY, THEN A
7 MISSION DEPICTS THAT HISTORY AS MUCH AS ANYTHING. IF YOU DON'T
8 BELIEVE THAT A MISSION IS A SUFFICIENT SYMBOL TO REPRESENT THE
9 HISTORY, IF YOU BELIEVE ALTERNATIVELY, AS I THINK I SAID IN
10 CLOSED SESSION LAST WEEK, THAT THE ONLY WAY TO REPRESENT THE
11 HISTORY OF L.A. COUNTY, AS IT RELATES TO THE MISSIONARIES, IS
12 WITH A RELIGIOUS SYMBOL OF THE LATIN CROSS, YOU'VE GET A
13 CONSTITUTIONAL PROBLEM. AND YOU CAN JUST READ THE NORTON CASE
14 YESTERDAY BY JUDGE KACZYNSKI, YOU CAN READ THE
15 EDMUNDS/OKLAHOMA CLASS, WHICH ANOTHER BATCH OF CONSERVATIVE
16 JUDGES WHO RULED ON THAT ISSUE UNANIMOUSLY. YOU CAN READ EVERY
17 SINGLE CASE ACROSS THE COUNTRY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF AUSTIN,
18 TEXAS, BECAUSE THAT WAS STEVEN AUSTIN'S COAT OF ARMS. THE
19 SECOND THING THAT THE COUNTY COUNSEL TOLD US LAST WEEK, IN HIS
20 OPINION, WHICH IS NOW CIRCULATING ALL OVER THE PLACE, YOU CAN
21 FIND IT ON A WEBSITE, I'M SURE, IS THAT, WHEN THE COUNTY FILED
22 THE SEAL IN 1957 WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE, THEY EXPLAINED
23 WHAT EACH OF THE SYMBOLS WERE; WHAT THE TUNA STOOD FOR, WHAT
24 THE POMONA GODDESS STOOD FOR, AND WHAT THE CROSS STOOD FOR.
25 WHEN IT WAS SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE AS PART OF ITS



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1 OFFICIAL FILING OF THE COUNTY SEAL, THEY DIDN'T SAY IT WAS
2 PART OF OUR HISTORY, TO REPRESENT OUR HISTORY. IT WAS ONE
3 WORD. THEY SAID RELIGION. THAT, IN AND OF ITSELF, FLIES IN THE
4 FACE OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL TEST BY THE SUPREME COURT. SO, IF
5 THE ISSUE IS HISTORY AND NOT RELIGION, THEN THERE ARE A
6 THOUSAND AND ONE WAYS TO DEPICT HISTORY AND I THINK WE CHOSE A
7 PRETTY GOOD ONE, ALTHOUGH IT'S CONTROVERSIAL, WHICH IS WHY WE
8 DID A SECOND THING. MS. MOLINA BROUGHT UP LAST WEEK THAT
9 MISSIONS HAVE SOME CONTROVERSY ASSOCIATED WITH THEM, TOO. AS A
10 RESULT, THE BOARD DECIDED, LET'S NOT JUST START-- BEHAVE AS
11 THOUGH HISTORY STARTED IN THE 1700S BUT LET'S ALSO HONOR THE
12 HISTORY OF THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OF THE REGION WHO HAVE BEEN
13 HERE FOR 10,000 YEARS, BEFORE THE FIRST MISSIONARY SHOWED UP.
14 AND THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH THAT, ALTHOUGH SOME PEOPLE
15 SCOFFED AT THAT AND TRIVIALIZED IT. I DON'T THINK IT'S A
16 TRIVIAL MATTER AND, EVEN IF THERE'S ONE PERSON WHO TESTIFIED
17 TODAY ON THAT ISSUE, THAT ONE PERSON IS ENTITLED TO A HEARING
18 AS WELL. AND WE VOTED TO DO THAT, TO DO TWO THINGS, A MISSION
19 AND A SYMBOL REPRESENTING THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES. AND THE
20 THIRD THING WE DID, WHICH HAS KIND OF GOTTEN LOST IN THE
21 SHUFFLE, IS WE ASKED OUR COUNTY COUNSEL TO TALK TO THE LAWYERS
22 ON THE OTHER SIDE AND ASKED THEM TO GIVE US A PHASE-IN TIME SO
23 THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO INCUR MASSIVE EXPENSES, SO THAT, AS MY
24 STATIONERY RUNS OUT AND AS SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S AND
25 ANTONOVICH'S STATIONERY RUNS OUT, WE REPRINT IT. DON'T FORCE



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1 ME TO THROW OUT ALL OF MY STATIONERY TODAY. AS THE VEHICLES
2 GETS JUNKED, WHETHER IT'S A FIRE TRUCK OR A POLICE CAR, I
3 DON'T THINK WE HAVE THE COUNTY SEALS ON OUR SHERIFF'S CARS BUT
4 I THINK WE HAVE THEM ON OUR FIRE TRUCKS, AS WE JUNK THOSE
5 TRUCKS, WE'LL REPLACE THEM THEN BUT WE'RE NOT GOING TO GO OUT
6 AND TAKE EVERY SEAL OFF OF EVERY BUSINESS CARD. AS THEY'RE
7 REPLACED, GIVE US THE TIME TO PHASE THEM IN AND, THAT WAY,
8 THERE WON'T BE ANY ADDED EXPENSE. WHAT WE DID WANT TO DO IS,
9 ON ANYTHING PERMANENT, LIKE ON A WEBSITE OR THESE SEALS,
10 ANYTHING THAT'S PERMANENT THAT, EVENTUALLY, ARE GOING TO HAVE
11 TO BE CHANGED ANYWAY, LET'S CHANGE THEM. THAT WOULD BE THE
12 EXPECTATION. SO THAT THE COSTS WOULD BE RELATIVELY MINIMAL. OF
13 COURSE, IF WE FIGHT IT, AND IF WE LOSE, AS THE COUNTY COUNSEL
14 INFORMED US, WE NOT ONLY GET TO PAY OUR OWN ATTORNEY'S FEES,
15 WE GET TO PAY THE ATTORNEY'S FEES FOR THE A.C.L.U., AND WE'LL
16 GET TO CHANGE ALL THE SEALS AND, DEPENDING ON WHAT THE JUDGES
17 DO, WE MAY HAVE TO CHANGE THEM ALL YESTERDAY AND NOT OVER A
18 PHASED-IN PERIOD OF TIME. SO THAT WAS THAT. IT'S NOT JUST
19 ABOUT COST. IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT CONVENIENCE. AND NOW I WANT TO
20 JUST SAY ONE LAST THING. YOU KNOW, I WAS RAISED IN THE PUBLIC
21 SCHOOL SYSTEM. I GUESS THAT'S THE MISFORTUNE FOR THOSE OF YOU
22 WHO DISAGREE WITH ME, IS I GOT RAISED IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL
23 SYSTEM, AND I WAS TAUGHT SOMETHING, AND NOWHERE HAS IT BEEN
24 MORE PRONOUNCED IN THE 29 YEARS I'VE BEEN IN PUBLIC OFFICE
25 THAN IT WAS TODAY AND, BY THE WAY, LET ME JUST SAY, FIRST OF



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1 ALL, I RESPECT EVERY SINGLE PERSON WHO TESTIFIED HERE TODAY. I
2 RESPECT THEIR PASSIONATE VIEWS ON THIS ISSUE. AND I KNOW SOME
3 OF THE CLERGY WHO WERE HERE AND I'M SURE THAT JACK HAYFORD HAS
4 HAD TO LEAVE, BUT I'VE TOLD HIM PRIVATELY, I'LL SAY IT, I'VE
5 WATCHED HIS TELEVISION SERMONS. I'VE LEARNED MORE ABOUT THE
6 NEW TESTAMENT FROM HIM THAN FROM ANYPLACE ELSE. HE'S A GREAT
7 TEACHER AND HE'S A GREAT LEADER IN OUR COMMUNITY, NOT JUST IN
8 THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, BUT NATIONWIDE, AND SOME OF THE
9 CONSTITUENTS WHO ARE HERE, I HAVE GREAT VALUE, AND THE
10 CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY, SINCE IT'S VERY CLEAR I'M SURE, TO
11 EVERYONE OF THE THREE WHO VOTED, I'M THE ONLY NON-CHRISTIAN,
12 IN CASE YOU DIDN'T KNOW THAT, THAT, WHEN I WAS A STUDENT IN
13 U.C.L.A., WHEN I WAS A COLLEGE STUDENT AND WENT TO THE SOVIET
14 UNION, AT SOME GREAT PERSONAL RISK TO ME PERSONALLY,
15 PHYSICALLY, I NOT ONLY WENT THERE TO HELP -- AND I'VE NEVER
16 DISCUSSED THIS PUBLICLY, BUT I WILL TODAY -- I NOT ONLY WENT
17 THERE TO HELP PROMOTE THE FREEDOM OF SOVIET JEWS BUT I ALSO
18 CARRIED WITH ME BIBLES FOR THE EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS IN
19 MOSCOW AND REGA LATVIA AND WHAT WAS THEN LENINGRAD, TODAY IS
20 ST. PETERSBURG, AND IN KIEV IN THE UKRAINE, AND IN HARKOV IN
21 THE UKRAINE, AT CONSIDERABLE PERSONAL RISK TO ME. SO I DON'T
22 NEED TO BE LECTURED ABOUT THAT ISSUE AND I RESPECT EVERYONE
23 WHO IS HERE ON-- COMING FROM THAT POINT OF VIEW. BUT HERE'S
24 THE RUB. THE CONSTITUTION AND THE FIRST AMENDMENT IS NOT THERE
25 TO PROTECT THE MAJORITY EXCLUSIVELY. THE MAJORITY CAN PRETTY



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1 MUCH TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES, AND THEY DO, AND THEY HAVE,
2 HISTORICALLY, IN OUR COUNTRY. THE CONSTITUTION IS THERE TO
3 TAKE CARE OF THE PEOPLE WHO CAN'T TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES. AND
4 MAYBE THE BETTER PART OF WISDOM WOULD HAVE LET THE COURTS TO
5 DECIDE THIS IN THE FIRST PLACE BUT WE DIDN'T MAKE THAT
6 DECISION. WE DIDN'T MAKE THAT DECISION. WE MADE THE DECISION
7 TO READ THE CASES AND GO FORWARD BASED ON WHAT WE KNEW.
8 BECAUSE, IF IT WAS UP TO THE MAJORITY, AND I WAS SAYING THIS
9 TO MRS. BURKE EARLIER, THERE ARE A LOT OF CONSTITUTIONAL
10 ISSUES IN MY LIFETIME, WHETHER IT WAS BROWN VERSUS BOARD OF
11 EDUCATION. IF YOU HAD HAD A PUBLIC VOTE ON THAT, IT WOULD HAVE
12 GONE DOWN. IF IT HAD BEEN INTEGRATING THE LUNCH COUNTERS IN
13 MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA OR JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, PUT IT UP TO A
14 VOTE OF THE PEOPLE IN 1956, THAT WOULD HAVE GONE DOWN. IF YOU
15 WOULD HAVE INTEGRATE-- TRIED TO INTEGRATE THE SCHOOLS IN
16 LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS AT CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL IN 1958 AND
17 DWIGHT EISENHOWER, A GREAT PRESIDENTS, DIDN'T HAVE HAD THE
18 COURAGE TO GO IN WITH THE ARMY AND FORCE THE INTEGRATION, IF
19 YOU'D PUT IT UP TO A VOTE OF THE PEOPLE OF LITTLE ROCK, IT
20 WOULD HAVE GONE DOWN. AND I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT, IF YOU PUT
21 THIS ON, THAT IT WOULD HAVE A STEEP MOUNTAIN TO CLIMB BUT
22 THAT'S NOT THE ISSUE. THE FIRST AMENDMENT IS NOT A POPULARITY
23 CONTEST. AND IF I HAVE TO LOSE MY JOB AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL
24 AND IT'S GOING TO BE OVER THE FIRST AMENDMENT, SO BE IT, BUT I
25 CAME HERE AND I TOOK AN OATH OF OFFICE, AND EVERY ONE OF US



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1 TOOK THE OATH OF OFFICE, AND EACH ONE OF US IS ENTITLED TO SEE
2 IT OUR OWN WAY, AND I DON'T FAULT EITHER ONE OF MY TWO
3 COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR POINT OF VIEW ON THIS. BUT I TOOK AN OATH
4 OF OFFICE TO UPHOLD THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES AND
5 THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, SO HELP ME GOD,
6 AND I SAID "SO HELP ME GOD." I BELIEVE IN GOD. BUT I ALSO
7 BELIEVE IN THE CONSTITUTION. THAT'S THE OATH I TOOK AND, IF I
8 CAN'T HANDLE THAT, THEN I SHOULDN'T BE HERE. AND THAT'S WHERE
9 WE STAND ON THIS AND THAT, AT LEAST, EXPLAINS MY POSITION.
10 AND, FOR THOSE WHO THINK THAT I'M A WOOMP-- A WIMP, WELL, I'LL
11 TELL YOU, I'VE HAD A FEW THOUSAND CALLS IN MY OFFICE THIS
12 WEEK, ABOUT ALL BUT 10 THEM, ONE OF THEM FROM MY SON, DISAGREE
13 WITH MY POSITION ON THIS AND MY SON IS AN AGNOSTIC ON THE
14 ISSUE. JUST A JOKE. I DON'T WANT HIM TO HEAR THAT. HE'S NOT AN
15 AGNOSTIC ABOUT VERY MUCH. SO IF THERE'S ANY ISSUE OF COURAGE,
16 IF THERE'S ANY ISSUE OF STANDING UP AND HAVING A BACKBONE, I
17 WOULD SUSPECT, AFTER THIS LAST WEEK, THANKS TO THE CAMPAIGN
18 THAT'S BEEN GOING ON, THAT, AFTER MY VOTE IS CAST TODAY, THAT
19 YOU MAY NOT AGREE WITH ME AND YOU MAY WANT TO VOTE ME OUT OF
20 OFFICE IN OUR NEXT ELECTION. THAT'S YOUR CHOICE... [APPLAUSE
21] [GAVEL]

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ...BUT-- AND YOU WILL HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY,
2 BUT YOU WILL KNOW, BUT YOU WILL KNOW THAT I STOOD UP FOR MY
3 PRINCIPLES, TOO, AND IT'S NOT AT THE EXPENSE OF ANYBODY ELSE.
4 IT'S NOT AT THE EXPENSE OF OUR HISTORY, IT'S NOT-- IT'S NOT
5 WALKING AWAY FROM OUR HERITAGE. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF WAYS TO DO
6 THAT. IT IS UPHOLDING THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES,
7 AND THAT'S THE OATH I TOOK. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. [
8 INTERJECTIONS]

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE. THANK YOU. PLEASE! EXCUSE ME. [
11 GAVEL]

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I KNOW THE OTHER TWO SPEAKERS BUT, ZEV, I--
14 IN ALL DUE RESPECT, HOW-- I RESPECT YOUR OPINION AND THE
15 REASON FOR YOUR VOTE BUT I THINK IT'S ABSOLUTELY OUTRAGEOUS
16 FOR YOU TO TELL ME TO KEEP MY OPINIONS QUIET ABOUT COUNTY
17 COUNSEL AND QUESTION THOSE BECAUSE... [APPLAUSE]

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NO. NO, NO. WE'VE GONE THROUGH THIS AND, IF
20 ANYONE ON BOTH ENDS, I MEAN, EVERY ONE OF US HAS HAD THAT
21 RIGHT AND HAVE DONE THAT OVER A PERIOD OF TIME, AND FOR ME--
22 FOR YOU TO TELL ME TO KEEP MY OPINIONS QUIET ABOUT A
23 QUESTIONABLE COUNTY COUNSEL OPINION, WHERE BOTH SIDES OF THE
24 ISSUE WERE NOT RAISED I THINK IS OUTRAGEOUS, SO... SUPERVISOR
25 BURKE? [APPLAUSE]



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** I'VE LISTENED HERE FOR A FEW HOURS AND I KEPT
3 THINKING THAT, IF THIS CASE GOES TO TRIAL, I WOULD HATE FOR
4 THEM TO PLAY THIS HEARING BECAUSE, IF THERE'S EVER ANY
5 QUESTION OF WHAT WAS BEING MOVED FORWARD AND WHAT THE
6 OBJECTION WAS TO THE VOTE THAT HAD BEEN TAKEN, IT WAS CLEARLY,
7 IT WAS A RELIGIOUS ONE. THAT MOST OF THE PEOPLE HERE SPOKE...
8 [INTERJECTIONS]

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE, PLEASE! [GAVEL]

11

12 **SUP. BURKE:** YOU KNOW, MAYBE I SHOULDN'T SPEAK BECAUSE MAYBE,
13 IN THIS COUNTRY, NO LONGER DO YOU HAVE A RIGHT OF FREE SPEECH.
14 YOU MAY NOT EVEN HAVE A RIGHT TO DETERMINE YOUR RELIGION. NOW,
15 I AM A CHRISTIAN BUT I RESPECT EVERYONE'S RIGHT TO WORSHIP AS
16 THEY PLEASE AND I ALSO RESPECT THE RIGHT OF PEOPLE TO EXPRESS
17 THEMSELVES. I'VE LISTENED HERE AS PEOPLE HAVE CASTIGATED ME.
18 I'VE LISTENED AS I'VE BEEN ACCUSED OF EVERYTHING IN THE WORLD
19 BUT YOU KNOW ONE THING, IT WAS VERY CLEAR TO ME THAT IT TOOK A
20 LOT MORE NERVE TO STAND UP TO THE MASS AND THE CROWD AND THE
21 HUNDREDS OF E-MAILS THAT I'VE RECEIVED THAN IT WOULD HAVE
22 TAKEN FOR ME TO GO ALONG WITH THIS FRENZY. AND IT IS A FRENZY.
23 YOU KNOW, I-- [INTERJECTIONS]

24

25 **SUPERVISOR BURKE:** IT'S A RELIGIOUS FRENZY.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE. RESPECT HER ABILITY...

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** IT'S LIKE IT HAS BEEN, IT'S BEEN ESCALATED TO
5 PEOPLE FEEL AS THOUGH THIS IS PART OF A RELIGION. YOU HEARD
6 PEOPLE HERE PRAYING. YOU HEARD ALMOST A PEOPLE GOING INTO
7 TESTAMENTS. SO WHAT I HAVE TO SAY, I'M AN ATTORNEY, FIRST OF
8 ALL, AND I... [INTERJECTIONS]

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE!

11

12 **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY. YOU KNOW WHAT? I'M NOT GOING TO SPEAK TO
13 THESE PEOPLE!

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DON'T LET THEM SHUT YOU DOWN.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** I AM NOT GOING TO LOWER MYSELF ... [APPLAUSE]

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** ...TO TALK TO A GROUP OF PEOPLE LIKE THIS! [GAVEL
20]

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL!

23

24 **SUP. BURKE:** YOU KNOW, I DON'T HAVE TO BE HARASSED. I DON'T
25 HAVE TO GO THROUGH THIS! I WAS GOING TO ASK THE COUNTY COUNSEL



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1 TO EXPRESS WHAT INFORMATION HE HAD ON THE SHEETS CASE. BUT,
2 YOU KNOW, CLEARLY, THIS IS AS CLOSE TO THE INQUISITION AS WE
3 HAVE SEEN IN THE 21ST CENTURY! [INTERJECTIONS]

4

5 **SUP. BURKE:** BECAUSE, LET ME TELL YOU, YOU KNOW WHAT? I DIDN'T
6 UNDERSTAND HOW THAT HAPPENED AS I READ ABOUT IT IN HISTORY.
7 NOW I DO. I HAVE WITNESSED IT AND I SEE HOW IT HAPPENS.
8 PEOPLE, WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT RELIGION, PEOPLE LOSE ALL OF THEIR
9 ABILITY FOR RATIONALITY. AND ANYONE WHO ATTEMPTS TO EVEN
10 DISCUSS ANYTHING RATIONAL BECOMES EITHER THE ANTICHRIST OR
11 THEY BECOME SOMEONE WHO IS TOTALLY TRYING TO THREATEN THEIR
12 RELIGION! SO, YOU KNOW, I UNDERSTAND. YOU CAN'T SPEAK TO A
13 CROWD LIKE-- THAT'S UP IN A FRENZY. BUT ONE THING I WOULD LIKE
14 TO ASK THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO RESPOND TO THE ISSUE THAT HAS
15 BEEN RAISED AS FAR AS THE ARTISTIC RIGHTS IN THIS SEAL. HAVE
16 YOU INVESTIGATED IT? WHAT INFORMATION HAVE YOU BEEN ABLE TO
17 DISCERN? AND LET ME SAY ONE OTHER THING. I ALSO BELIEVE, WHEN
18 YOU ASK AN ATTORNEY FOR THEIR OPINION, THEY ARE OBLIGATED TO
19 LOOK AT THE LAW AND GIVE THE OPINION AS THEY FIND IN THE CASE
20 BOOKS AND GIVE YOU A STATEMENT OF THE PRESENT LAW. PLUS, YOU
21 KNOW, I KNOW HERE, ANY TIME A COUNTY COUNSEL GIVES ANYONE AN
22 OPINION THAT DOESN'T AGREE WITH THEM, THEY GET ABSOLUTELY
23 UPSET AND I HAVE WATCHED IT FOR THE 12 YEARS I'VE BEEN HERE,
24 THAT COUNTY COUNSEL IS CASTIGATED BECAUSE THE BELIEF IS, "GIVE
25 ME THE OPINION I WANT; DON'T GIVE ME THE LAW." BUT I BELIEVE



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1 WE PAY PEOPLE HERE TO GIVE US AN ANALYSIS OF THE LAW NOT AN
2 EMOTIONAL REACTION...

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ABSOLUTELY. I WASN'T ASKING FOR AN
5 EMOTIONAL REACTION. WE HAD AN ANALYSIS OF THE LAW.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, NOT A STATEMENT OF SAYING, "I WANT YOU TO
8 GIVE AN OPINION THAT I WANT." I DIDN'T-- LET ME TELL YOU, WHEN
9 I SAID LAST WEEK: I WANT TO SEE WHAT THE LEGAL ISSUE IS, I
10 WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE LAW IS, AND WE RECEIVED THAT OPINION.
11 NOW, IF AN ATTORNEY TELLS YOU, AND I HOPE THAT YOU-- WHEN YOU
12 GO OUT AND YOU TALK TO AN ATTORNEY, I HOPE THAT YOUR ATTORNEY
13 DOESN'T TELL YOU WHAT YOU WANT TO HEAR AND THEN LET YOU PAY
14 THE PRICE. I WOULD HOPE THAT YOU GET AN HONEST, DIRECT
15 ANALYSIS OF THE LAW, NOT OF WHAT THE PERSON THINKS, NOT OF
16 WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE, BUT AN ANALYSIS OF THE LAW AND
17 THE COURT DECISIONS BY THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
18 INTERPRETING THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES. NOW, I'D
19 LIKE TO ASK YOU, HAVE YOU ANY INFORMATION ON THIS ARTISTIC
20 RIGHTS ISSUE THAT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED? AND I KNOW MANY PEOPLE
21 HAVE MADE COMMENTS ON THAT.

22

23 **RAY FORTNER:** MR. CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISOR BURKE, WE HAVE, I
24 BELIEVE, RECEIVED ENOUGH FACTUAL INFORMATION TO DETERMINE THAT
25 MR. SHEETS WAS A COUNTY EMPLOYEE AT THE TIME THAT HE DRAFTED



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1 THE PICTURE OF THE SEAL, THAT HE DID SO UPON THE INSTRUCTIONS
2 OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN THE COURSE AND SCOPE OF HIS
3 EMPLOYMENT. WE HAVE CONSULTED WITH INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
4 ATTORNEYS AND WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT, ON THE BASIS OF THE FACTS
5 THAT WE HAVE, THAT A CLAIM FOR RIGHTS IN THE SEAL OR AN
6 ABILITY TO PREVENT THE BOARD FROM ALTERING THE SEAL OR CALLING
7 THE SEAL ITS OWN WOULD NOT SUCCEED IN THE COURTS.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY ONE FINAL THING. A
10 NUMBER OF PEOPLE HAVE SAID TO ME, "WELL, YOU HAVE A PAGAN
11 PERSON IN THE SEAL, THAT WOMAN, POMONA." WELL, NOW, I BELIEVE
12 THAT THE LAW, AS I'VE READ IT, IS A RECOGNIZABLE RELIGIOUS
13 SYMBOL. NOW, MAYBE EVERYBODY HERE ELSE KNEW WHAT POMONA WAS. I
14 NEVER HEARD OF POMONA, EXCEPT MAYBE I READ IT YEARS AGO WHEN I
15 WAS TAKING GREEK LITERATURE, BUT I WOULDN'T HAVE RECOGNIZED
16 POMONA UNTIL I READ THAT THAT WAS POMONA AND SHE WAS A GREEK
17 GODDESS. LET ME SAY THIS. IF ANYONE'S UPSET ABOUT POMONA, WHY
18 DON'T WE HAVE AN INDIAN WOMAN THERE, AN INDIAN WOMAN WHO WILL
19 REPRESENT THE TRUE HISTORY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY? AND I
20 BELIEVE, THAT WAY, WE WOULD BE ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD AND ALL
21 THOSE PEOPLE WHO KNEW ABOUT POMONA, KNOW ABOUT POMONA AND THAT
22 IT'S A PAGAN, WE WILL REMOVE FROM ANY PAGANISM THAT-- OR
23 ANYONE WHO'S CONCERNED ABOUT THAT. CERTAINLY AN INDIAN WOMAN
24 THERE WOULD REPRESENT OUR HISTORY AND I WOULD BELIEVE THAT



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1 THAT MIGHT BE WHAT-- AS WE MOVE FORWARD AND SELECT A NEW SEAL,
2 THAT WE SHOULD SUBSTITUTE THE WOMAN THERE FOR AN INDIAN WOMAN.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. YOU KNOW, THERE'S NO WAY WE'RE GOING
7 TO BE ABLE TO PLEASE THIS CROWD. THIS IS A VERY EMOTIONAL
8 DEBATE AND IT IS VERY RELIGIOUSLY CHARGED, AS WE HAVE HEARD,
9 AND IT IS PROBABLY TRUE THAT THE TESTIMONY TODAY PROBABLY GAVE
10 ME A STRONGER FEELING AS TO WHY I SHOULD DEFEND MY POSITION
11 AND FEEL STRONGLY ABOUT MY POSITION. I DON'T FEEL THAT
12 STRONGLY ABOUT THIS SEAL. I MEAN, I DON'T WANT TO BE
13 DISRESPECTFUL TO THE DESIGNER, SUPERVISOR HAHN, BUT IT DOESN'T
14 REALLY REFLECT WHO I AM OR WHO WE ARE AS A COUNTY. WE'RE NOT
15 REALLY PROUD OF OUR OIL DERRICKS HERE OR, AGAIN, YOU KNOW,
16 THERE'S NOT MUCH OF A TUNA INDUSTRY ANY LONGER AND I DON'T
17 KNOW ABOUT THE DAIRY INDUSTRY AND SO ON. IT REALLY DOESN'T
18 REFLECT ALL OF IT BUT-- AND I'M NOT HERE TRYING TO DEFEND THIS
19 SEAL OR PROMOTE ANY OTHER SEAL AT ALL. I CAME HERE AND I AM
20 LUCKY AND FORTUNATE TO BE HERE WITH TWO THINGS: NOT ONLY THE
21 PEOPLE WHO VOTED ME HERE AND THE RESPONSIBILITY THAT I HAVE TO
22 ALL OF THOSE VOTERS, BUT ALSO TO THE CONSTITUTION. IT WAS
23 THROUGH THE CONSTITUTIONAL BATTLE THAT WAS FOUGHT BY LAWYERS
24 WHO WERE ABLE TO MAKE A CONVINCING CASE THAT THEY SHOULD RULE
25 AGAINST THE PRESENT REAPPORTIONMENT DECISION THAT THIS BOARD



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1 OF SUPERVISORS HAD MADE, AND THEY RULED IT AS BEING
2 UNCONSTITUTIONAL, THAT GAVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A DISTRICT TO
3 BE CREATED SO THAT I WOULD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY, LIKE MANY
4 OTHERS IN MY COMMUNITY, TO RUN FOR THIS SEAT AND, EVENTUALLY,
5 WIN OFFICE. AND, WHEN I CAME HERE AND TOOK THE OATH OF OFFICE,
6 IT WAS THAT I WOULD BE AND, YOU KNOW, UPHOLD THE CONSTITUTION,
7 NOT ONLY OF THE UNITED STATES BUT OF CALIFORNIA AS WELL AND
8 THAT IS A SIGNIFICANT RESPONSIBILITY THAT WE HAVE AND I FEEL
9 VERY COMFORTABLE ABOUT THE DECISION THAT I HAVE MADE AND I
10 FIND THAT, ALL THE PEOPLE WHO CAME HERE AND ARE SO HOSTILE AND
11 SO ANGRY, EVEN TO CHASTISE ME FOR TAKING A DRINK OF WATER AS I
12 WAS LISTENING, IT TALKS TO THE RAW EMOTION THAT THIS BRINGS
13 OUT IN EVERYONE. AND IF IT DOES THAT, I ALSO ASK YOU TO ALSO
14 BE TOLERANT TO THE EMOTIONS THAT IT BRINGS OUT TO PEOPLE WHO
15 FEEL THAT THAT CROSS IS INCORRECT. SO IT JUST IS PROBABLY
16 BETTER... [INTERJECTIONS] [GAVEL]

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE!

19

20 **MALE VOICE:** WHAT MORE DO YOU WANT?

21

22 **SUP. BURKE:** IT IS PROBABLY BETTER... [GAVEL]

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE!

25



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1 **MALE VOICE:** YEAH, PLEASE. WE'RE SAYING PLEASE!! READ THE
2 CONSTITUTION!!!

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE!

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. GO AHEAD.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND, AGAIN, AS WE MOVE FORWARD IN THIS, I FEEL
9 VERY COMFORTABLE. I'VE BEEN THREATENED. I THINK ALL OF US HAVE
10 BEEN THREATENED HERE ON THIS ISSUE. I MEAN, THIS FIRST
11 GENTLEMAN WAS TO, TO NOT BE A COWARD AND NOT TO BACK OFF. I
12 WOULD NOT EVEN BE A COWARD TO HIM. I WILL STAND UP TO HIM. THE
13 REALITY IS THAT I FEEL VERY STRONGLY ABOUT THE POSITION THAT
14 I'VE TAKEN. I'D DO IT-- AND, AGAIN, I FEEL STRONGLY THAT, IF
15 THAT IS WHAT TAKES ME DOWN, THAT'S WHAT WILL TAKE ME DOWN BUT
16 I FEEL VERY FIRMLY... [APPLAUSE] [GAVEL]

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** ...I'M VERY COMFORTABLE WITH THE POSITION THAT I
19 TAKE. I'VE BEEN SWORN TO UPHOLD THE CONSTITUTION AND I WILL
20 AND TO CARRY OUT MY DUTIES ON ISSUES THAT ARE VERY, VERY
21 SIGNIFICANT. IT IS, AGAIN, SO UNFORTUNATE, WHEN WE'VE HAD TO
22 CLOSE DOWN OUR LIBRARIES, CLOSE DOWN OUR CLINICS, THAT WE
23 DIDN'T SEE AS MUCH CIVIC INVOLVEMENT FROM SO MANY PEOPLE WHO
24 HAVE COME HERE TODAY. AGAIN, THOSE ARE THE ISSUES THAT ARE
25 SIGNIFICANT TO EVERYONE EVERY SINGLE DAY. AND SO I'M SORRY



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1 THAT I DISAPPOINT SOME OF YOU BUT I FEEL VERY STRONGLY AND I
2 KNOW THAT I AM UPHOLDING THE CONSTITUTION BY THE DECISION THAT
3 I HAVE MADE.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ROLL CALL THEN ON ITEM 64.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME JUST MAKE A POINT.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES?

10

11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON ITEM 64?

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WAIT A MINUTE. HANG ON. DID YOU... PLEASE!!

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE POINT THAT COUNTY COUNSEL'S SEVEN-PAGE
16 OPINION ONLY HAS TWO PARAGRAPHS ON THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF
17 THE COUNTY SEAL, AND WE HAVE TWO LEGAL FOUNDATIONS, ONE A
18 SEVEN-PAGES, WHICH EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED, ANALYSIS ON
19 WHY IT IS CONSTITUTIONAL AND ANOTHER ONE IS A THREE-PAGE
20 DOCUMENT. THERE IS AN IMBALANCE...

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHY DON'T YOU ASK HIM [UNINTELLIGIBLE]

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ...A GRAVE IMBALANCE-- BECAUSE HE DOESN'T
25 VOTE ON THE ISSUE. YOU DO.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, I...

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME FINISH!

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THERE IS AN IMBALANCE AND, WHEN WE GET A

9 LEGAL OPINION, WE OUGHT TO HAVE A LEGAL OPINION THAT IS

10 BALANCED AND PRESENTS BOTH SIDES AND THEN HAVE A THOROUGH

11 DISCUSSION. WE WERE DENIED THAT... [APPLAUSE] [GAVEL]

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE!

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ...AND, SECONDLY, THE VOTE IN EXECUTIVE

16 SESSION WAS DELAYED FOR, I BELIEVE, TWO DAYS. THERE WAS A

17 DELAY OF THE VOTE FOR TWO DAYS. THIS SHOULD HAVE BEEN REPORTED

18 RIGHT AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION BUT THERE WAS SOME TYPE OF

19 DECISION MADE NOT TO MAKE THAT A PUBLIC VOTE. THAT WAS WRONG.

20 I CAN'T SUPPORT EVERYBODY'S POSITION WHO SPOKE BEFORE US TODAY

21 ANY MORE THAN I CAN SUPPORT ALL TYPES OF POSITIONS AND

22 OPINIONS I HEAR BUT THESE INDIVIDUALS DO HAVE THE RIGHT OF

23 FREE SPEECH AND RELIGIOUS SPEECH IS STILL A FREEDOM OF SPEECH

24 THAT'S GIVEN TO EVERYONE. AND WE SHOULD, BY OUR ACTIONS,

25 PREACH TOLERANCE AND DIVERSITY BUT DIVERSITY DOESN'T MEAN THAT



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1 THOSE OF FAITH WILL HAVE LESS RIGHTS THAN THOSE OF NO FAITH. [
2 APPLAUSE]

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEY BOTH SHOULD HAVE RIGHTS. [GAVEL]

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND, IN ONE OF THE SUPREME COURT DECISIONS,
7 PONETTI, I GUESS IT IS, IT SAYS, "THE ENDORSEMENT OF INQUIRY
8 IS NOT ABOUT THE PERCEPTIONS OF PARTICULAR INDIVIDUALS OR
9 SAYINGS ISOLATED NON-ADHERENCE FROM THE DISCOMFORT OF VIEWING
10 SYMBOLS OF FAITH TO WHICH THEY DO NOT SUBSCRIBE". WE DO NOT
11 ASK WHETHER THERE IS ANY PERSON WHO COULD FIND AN ENDORSEMENT
12 OF REGION, WHETHER SOME PEOPLE MAY BE OFFENDED BY THIS DISPLAY
13 OR WHETHER SOME REASONABLE PERSON MIGHT THINK THE STATE
14 ENDORSES RELIGION. SO THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT THE FACT THAT A
15 RELIGIOUS SYMBOL DOESN'T NECESSARILY MEAN THAT YOU'RE
16 ADVOCATING A PARTICULAR ADHERENCE TO A FAITH. IN THIS CASE,
17 IT'S REFLECTING A HISTORICAL FACT ON THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
18 AND THERE'S BEEN NO SUPREME COURT DECISION THAT OUTLAWS THAT.
19 THE DECISION THAT WAS DONE ON THE CROSS YESTERDAY IS NOT
20 REFLECTIVE OF THE DECISION OF THE HISTORICAL NATURE ON THE
21 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THERE WAS A CROSS THAT HAD BEEN CHANGED
22 FROM TWO WOODEN PLANKS, IT'S NOW MADE OF METAL PIPE, AND
23 CHANGED OVER THE YEARS AND LACKS HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE. THE
24 COUNTY SEAL DOES NOT LACK HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND IT'S
25 JUST REPORTING A HISTORICAL FACT. AND, IF YOU REPLACE IT WITH



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1 A MISSION WITHOUT A CROSS THAT'S NOT A MISSION ANY MORE, THAN
2 WHY SHOULD WE SPEND TIME AND EFFORT TO MAKE REPLACEMENTS WHEN
3 OUR TIME AND EFFORT OUGHT TO BE SPENT IN GETTING THOSE
4 RESOURCES TO KEEP THE LIBRARIES OPEN, TO GET THE CHILDREN
5 ADOPTED, AND TO HELP PUBLIC SAFETY? [APPLAUSE] [GAVEL]

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN? MR. CHAIRMAN?

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WHAT? YES?

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DO WANT TO ASK THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO
12 ADDRESS SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED BUT I DO,
13 SINCE WE'RE QUOTING FROM OPINIONS, I JUST WANT TO READ FROM
14 THE EDMONDS/OKLAHOMA CASE, WHICH I BELIEVE IS 1995, THE TENTH
15 DISTRICT COURT OF APPEALS, IN ITS DECISION, SAID-- I WANT TO
16 SHORTEN IT SO THAT WE... "THAT, WHILE WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT EACH
17 CASE MUST TURN ON ITS OWN FACTS AND THAT THE PARTICULAR
18 CONTEXT AND SETTING OF A PARTICULAR GOVERNMENTAL SEAL OR LOGO
19 IS RELEVANT TO ITS FAITH WHEN CHALLENGED UNDER THE
20 ESTABLISHMENT CLAUSE, WE DECLINE THE DEFENDANT'S INVITATION TO
21 CAREFULLY AND MINUTELY DISTINGUISH THE EDMOND SEAL FROM THE
22 BERNALILLO COUNTY SEAL BASED UPON THE PARTICULAR DIMENSIONS OF
23 THE CROSS AND THE TWO SEALS OR THE SECULAR OR NON-SECULAR
24 NATURE OR OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE SEAL. AS THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT
25 STATED IN REJECTING THE IDENTICAL ARGUMENT..." AND THEN THEY



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1 QUOTE FROM THE DECISION, "...THE IMAGES ON THE SEAL ARE NOT
2 JUST NEUTRAL SNAPSHOTS OF THE COMMUNITY, THEY ARE CHARGED WITH
3 ENDORSEMENT. LESS OF ITS ORIGINS, THE CITY SEAL DOES PROMOTE
4 THE SELECTED IMAGES IT DEPICTS. TO ANY OBSERVER, THE CITY SEAL
5 EXPRESSES THE CITY'S APPROVAL OF THOSE FOUR PICTURES OF CITY
6 LIFE WHICH, IN THAT CASE, WAS FLORA, ITS SCHOOLS, ITS INDUSTRY
7 AND COMMERCIAL LIFE AND ITS CHRISTIANITY BECAUSE ONE OF THE
8 FOUR SYMBOLS THERE WAS A CROSS." AND THAT WAS IN A CASE IN THE
9 SEVENTH DISTRICT AND THAT WAS WHAT LED TO THE TENTH DISTRICT.
10 I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS MORNING FROM PROFESSOR IRWIN
11 CHEMERINSKY. I DIDN'T SOLICIT IT...

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** HE SENT IT ON HIS OWN. WE ALL GOT IT.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. YOU ALL GOT IT? I WANTED TO READ...

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT HE'S PART OF THE A.C.L.U., WHAT ELSE IS
18 HE GOING TO SAY?

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T THINK HE'S PART OF THE A.C.L.U. I
21 THINK HE'S A PROFESSOR OF PUBLIC INTEREST LAW, LEGAL ETHICS
22 AND POLITICAL SCIENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
23 AND YOU KNOW HOW MUCH IT PAINS ME TO QUOTE SOMEBODY FROM
24 U.S.C. AS A U.C.L.A. ALUMNUS, BUT NEVERTHELESS, LET ME-- LET
25 ME QUOTE. LET ME QUOTE. AND HE REFERS TO THE CASE THAT WAS



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1 DECIDED YESTERDAY BY THE NINTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS BY
2 JUDGE KOLINSKY, WHO WROTE THE OPINION. "A LATIN CROSS BY
3 ITSELF ON THE COUNTY SEAL IS IMPERMISSIBLE GOVERNMENT
4 ENDORSEMENT FOR CHRISTIANITY. THE TEST UNDER SUPREME COURT
5 PRECEDENCE IS HOW THE REASONABLE OBSERVER WOULD PERCEIVE A
6 SYMBOL." THEN HE QUOTES A CASE, THE CASE IN QUESTION. "IT WAS
7 FOR EXACTLY THIS REASON THAT THE NINTH CIRCUIT FOUND THAT THE
8 CROSS IN THE MOJAVE NATIONAL PRESERVE", THE ONE THAT WAS
9 ADJUDICATED YESTERDAY, "VIOLATED THE ESTABLISHMENT CLAUSE IN
10 BORNO VERSUS NORTON. A CROSS, AS IT APPEARS ON THE COUNTY
11 SEAL, WOULD SURELY BE PERCEIVED BY THE REASONABLE OBSERVER AS
12 A RELIGIOUS SYMBOL. AS A CONSTITUTIONAL LAW PROFESSOR FOR
13 ALMOST 25 YEARS, I HAVE CLOSELY FOLLOWED THE LAW IN THIS AREA.
14 I HAVE LITTLE DOUBT THAT THE COUNTY WILL LOSE IN COURT IF IT
15 CHOOSES TO LITIGATE THIS ISSUE. A LATIN CROSS, UNACCOMPANIED
16 BY OTHER RECOGNIZABLE RELIGIOUS SYMBOLS, WILL BE SEEN BY THE
17 COURTS AS IMPERMISSIBLE SYMBOLIC ENDORSEMENT FOR RELIGION IN
18 VIOLATION OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT." AND THAT IS PRECISELY-- I
19 SHOULDN'T SAY PRECISELY, THAT IS ESSENTIALLY WHAT THE OPINION
20 SAID. NOW, I WANT TO ASK YOU A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS, MR.
21 FORTNER. FIRST OF ALL, HAVE YOU REVIEWED THE OTHER OPINIONS
22 THAT HAVE BEEN FLYING THROUGH THE TRANSOM HERE THE LAST WEEK?
23



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1 **RAY FORTNER:** MR. CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, BY "THE
2 OTHER OPINIONS," THE LETTERS THAT ARE REFERRED TO FROM THE
3 A.C.L.U. AND THE ALLIANCE DEFENSE FUND AND...

4
5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CORRECT. HAVE YOU REVIEWED THOSE?

6
7 **RAY FORTNER:** ...YES, I HAVE.

8
9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. ANTONOVICH HAD ASKED THAT YOU REVIEW
10 THOSE, I BELIEVE HE DID OR SOMEBODY DID, AND COULD YOU JUST
11 TELL US, DOES IT CAUSE YOU TO RETHINK YOUR OPINION TO US FROM
12 10 DAYS AGO?

13
14 **RAY FORTNER:** CANDIDLY, NO, SUPERVISOR. THE DANGER OF BROADLY
15 STATED PRINCIPLES IN A VERY SPECIFIC SITUATION IS THAT THEY
16 CAN BE TAKEN TO MEAN ANYTHING. WE'VE HEARD THE ABINGTON VERSUS
17 SHEMP CITED A COUPLE OF TIMES AS INDICATING SUPPORT FOR
18 RELIGIOUS FREEDOM OF THIS COUNTRY, WHICH IT VERY CLEARLY DOES
19 AND IT'S A BROAD PRINCIPLE THAT NONE OF US WOULD AGREE WITH.
20 BUT THE CASE ACTUALLY STANDS FOR THE PROPOSITION THAT PRAYER
21 MAY NOT BE MANDATED IN THE SCHOOLS. IT IS A CASE THAT DOES NOT
22 SUPPORT THE PROPOSITION THAT PEOPLE WOULD, PERHAPS, HAVE YOU
23 THINK IT DOES. THE LETTERS THAT HAVE COME IN, BY AND LARGE,
24 START WITH THE ANALYSIS OF THE TWO PRINCIPLE SUPREME COURT
25 CASES ON AN ESTABLISHMENT CLAUSE ANALYSIS OF RELIGIOUS SYMBOLS



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1 BEING DISPLAYED ON GOVERNMENT PROPERTY. THOSE CASES INVOLVE,
2 THE FIRST CASE, THE LYNCH CASE, INVOLVES THE DISPLAY OF A
3 NATIVITY SCENE DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON. AND THERE IS A
4 VERY LONG DISCUSSION, IT WAS A VERY DIFFICULT DECISION FOR THE
5 COURT TO REACH. IT TOOK A CONCURRING OPINION OF JUSTICE
6 O'CONNOR WITH FOUR OUR JUSTICES TO HAVE A MAJORITY. AND THAT
7 CASE UPHELD THE DISPLAY OF THE KORESH IN THE HOLIDAY SEASON
8 TIME, THE PRINCIPLE BASIS BEING THAT A NATIVITY SCENE, ALONG
9 WITH OTHER-- WHEN SEEN ALONG WITH OTHER SIGNS OF THE CHRISTMAS
10 HOLIDAY, HAD ACHIEVED, ESSENTIALLY, A SECULAR MEANING OR
11 CENTRAL CORE AND DID NOT, OVER A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME,
12 REPRESENT AN ENDORSEMENT OR ATTEMPT TO ADVANCE RELIGION IN ANY
13 WAY. THE SECOND CASE WAS THE ALLEGANY CASE. IT ALSO DEALT WITH
14 A KORESH AND IT DEALT, ADDITIONALLY, WITH A VERY LARGE
15 MENORAH, I THINK, AN 18-FOOT REPLICA OF A MENORAH. IN
16 ALLEGANY, IN A DECISION THAT VARIOUS JUSTICES HAD TO COMBINE
17 TO REACH VARIOUS RESULTS IN THE CASE, IT IS A VERY SPLINTERED
18 AND IT'S BEEN DESCRIBED AS A FRACTURED DECISION, THE DISPLAY
19 OF THE CRECHE WAS HELD IMPERMISSIBLE BECAUSE IT WAS BY ITSELF
20 IN THE ROTUNDA OF THE CITY HALL. IT ALSO HAD A BANNER OVER IT
21 THAT ADVANCED THE CHRISTIAN THEME OF THE NATIVITY SCENE AND
22 WHAT IT STOOD FOR. THE MENORAH, ON THE OTHER HAND, WAS UPHELD
23 BY A DIFFERENT GROUP OF JUSTICES ON THE BASIS THAT IT WAS
24 OUTSIDE AND IT WAS NEXT TO A 45-FOOT CHRISTMAS TREE AND HAD A
25 SIGN UNDERNEATH IT FROM THE MAYOR PROCLAIMING THAT THIS TIME



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1 OF THE SEASON IS A TIME WHERE WE ALL APPRECIATE OUR FREEDOM.
2 AND THE COURT FELT THAT, IN THE CASE OF THE MENORAH, THAT THAT
3 WAS ENOUGH, THAT IT WAS SECULAR ENOUGH IN NATURE AND DID NOT
4 TRANSGRESS THE ESTABLISHMENT CLAUSE. BUT THOSE CASES DO NOT
5 SPEAK TO INDIVIDUAL RELIGIOUS SYMBOLS IN COUNTY SEALS AND SO
6 OUR EFFORT IN TRYING TO TAKE THE ARGUMENTS FROM THOSE CASES
7 AND SEE WHAT COURTS WOULD LIKELY RULE HERE, AND THAT BECAME
8 OUR UNENVIABLE TASK, WAS TO LOOK-- THE FIRST CASES THAT COME
9 TO BEAR ARE THE CASES WHERE A PERMANENT CROSS IS ESTABLISHED
10 ON COUNTY PROPERTY AND I BELIEVE THOSE, VIRTUALLY UNANIMOUSLY,
11 AND IN THE BONO CASE DECIDED YESTERDAY, ARE HELD TO BE
12 IMPERMISSIBLE REFERENCES FOR RELIGION BECAUSE THEY ARE A
13 REFLECTION OF WHAT IS CALLED IN THE CASE AS THE PREEMINENT
14 SYMBOL OF CHRISTIANITY, IN STANDING FOR THE CRUCIFIXION AND
15 RESURRECTION OF CHRIST. AND THE COURTS INDICATE THAT A
16 REASONABLE OBSERVER WOULD FIND THIS TO BE A REFERENCE FOR OR
17 ENDORSEMENT OF CHRISTIANITY. BUT THOSE CASES ARE DIFFERENT,
18 FACTUALLY, AGAIN, FROM THE CASES THAT ACTUALLY INVOLVE SEALS
19 THAT CONTAIN CROSSES. AND SO WE LOOKED AT THOSE. THE BRIEFS
20 THAT HAVE COME IN, THAT ARE FROM THE THREE DIFFERENT SOURCES,
21 SPEAK IN TERMS OF THE LARGER LEGAL PRINCIPLES, CONSTITUTIONAL
22 PRINCIPLES, WITH WHICH WE ALL DISAGREE. THERE IS, QUITE
23 FRANKLY, A LITTLE BIT OF LIBERTY TAKEN WITH CONTEXT, SOME
24 WORDS HAVE BEEN DELETED. THERE IS A QUOTE FROM JUSTICE
25 GOLDBERG DISCUSSING THE NOTION THAT WE SHOULD NOT BE AFRAID OF



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1 MERE SHADOWS OF THREATS AND THAT REMOVING A RELIGIOUS SYMBOL
2 FROM PUBLIC DISPLAY INDICATES A HOSTILITY TO RELIGION AND IS
3 PROHIBITED BY THE CONSTITUTION. THE IMPLICATION BY THE QUOTE
4 IN THE LETTER, AND I'VE FORGOTTEN WHICH ONE OF THE LETTERS IT
5 IS, LEAVES OUT THE WORDS THAT JUSTICE-- THE IMPLICATION OF IT
6 IS THAT THE COURT HAS HELD THAT REMOVAL OF THE SYMBOL IS
7 PROHIBITED BY THE CONSTITUTION. JUSTICE GOLDBERG'S WORDS THAT
8 WERE OMITTED WERE SAID, "IN MY JUDGMENT" OR "AS I THINK." IT
9 WAS HIS REFLECTION OF THE VIEW THAT OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COURT
10 COULD NOT SUBSCRIBE TO AND WAS NOT THE MAJORITY OPINION. BUT
11 THE VERY DIFFICULT TASK FOR LAWYERS IN THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S
12 OFFICE OR FOR THE COUNTY COUNSEL IN THIS CIRCUMSTANCE IS TO
13 TRY TO PREDICT, AS BEST WE CAN, FROM OUR LEGAL JUDGMENT AND ON
14 A LEGAL BASIS WHAT THE COURTS WOULD MOST LIKELY DO WITH THE
15 CASE. WE ARE NOT ADVOCATES FOR ONE POSITION OR ANOTHER UNTIL
16 THE BOARD TELLS US TO BE SUCH AN ADVOCATE TO AGGRESSIVELY
17 DEFEND OR-- ONE SIDE OR THE OTHER. AND SO ADVOCATES DO THAT
18 AND COUNTY COUNSEL DOES THAT WHEN WE'RE IN OUR ADVOCACY ROLE
19 BUT-- AND THE LETTERS THAT HAVE BEEN SENT TO YOU, I DON'T
20 THINK-- WELL, I THINK I CAN SAY WITHOUT FEAR OF TRUE
21 CONTRADICTION THAT THEY ARE WRITTEN FROM AN ADVOCATE
22 STANDPOINT. WE WROTE FROM THE STANDPOINT OF HAVING TO ADVISE
23 THE BOARD AS BEST WE COULD WHAT A COURT WOULD LIKELY DO. WE DO
24 NOT SAY THAT A COURT WILL RULE FOR OR AGAINST THE A.C.L.U. OR
25 FOR OR AGAINST THE COUNTY BUT, IN OUR CONSIDERED JUDGMENT,



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1 BASED ON ALL OF THE CASE LAW AND THERE IS CONSIDERABLE WEIGHT
2 IN THE SEAL CASES THEMSELVES THAT WOULD INDICATE THE COURTS
3 MORE LIKELY THAN NOT WOULD UPHOLD A CHALLENGE TO THE PRESENCE
4 OF THE CROSS IN THE SEAL.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW ABOUT THE QUESTION OF THE DELAY IN THE
7 VOTES THAT MR. ANTONOVICH MENTIONED? I'D JUST LIKE YOU TO
8 ADDRESS THAT FOR THE RECORD. THE DELAY IN ANNOUNCING THE VOTES
9 LAST WEEK.

10

11 **RAY FORTNER:** THAT IS A BROWN ACT QUESTION. THE CHARGE THAT I
12 BELIEVED I HAD FROM CLOSED SESSION WAS TO SETTLE THE LAWSUIT,
13 TO, IN A SENSE, TO ACHIEVE THE A.C.L.U.'S AGREEMENT TO REFRAIN
14 FROM FILING A LAWSUIT, WHICH THEY HAD SAID THEY WOULD, THAT
15 THE PAPERS WERE READY AND THEY WERE JUST STANDING WAITING FOR
16 OUR INDICATION OF WHETHER WE WERE GOING TO AGREE TO REMOVE THE
17 SEAL OR NOT. AND THE BOARD'S INSTRUCTIONS TO ME WERE
18 CONTINGENT UPON ACCEPTANCE BY THE A.C.L.U. AND, UNTIL I SPOKE
19 TO AND RECEIVED THE AGREEMENT OF THE A.C.L.U., THAT SETTLEMENT
20 WAS NOT FINAL. IT COULD HAVE BEEN REPORTED. IT WOULD NOT HAVE
21 BEEN UNLAWFUL TO HAVE REPORTED IMMEDIATELY OUT OF-- AFTER THAT
22 CLOSED SESSION BUT IT DID NOT NEED TO BE REPORTED AND, IN MY
23 JUDGMENT, AND I MADE THAT JUDGMENT, IT WAS BETTER TO TAKE IT
24 TO THE A.C.L.U. WITHOUT THEM HAVING HEARD FROM THE PRESS OR
25 OTHERWISE WHAT THE BOARD'S OFFER WAS. ONCE THEY ACCEPTED IT,



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1 AND THAT THEN WAS CONFIRMED BY THE EXECUTIVES IN THE A.C.L.U.,
2 WE DIDN'T REPORT OUT THE DECISION.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. THE LAST THING I WANT TO JUST ASK
5 IS A PROCEDURAL QUESTION BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO BE DONE WITH
6 THIS SHORTLY. WE GOT ANOTHER MOTION, MR. KNABE'S MOTION, BUT
7 WE NEED TO HAVE A PATH FORWARD ON HOW WE'RE GOING TO DEAL WITH
8 THE RECOMMENDATIONS, IF THERE'S GOING TO BE-- IF WE HOLD TO
9 OUR POSITION OF LAST WEEK, HOW WE PROCEED TO MODIFY THE SEAL.
10 AND I JUST-- WHAT WOULD BE THE APPROPRIATE WAY TO DO THAT, IF
11 WE WANTED TO INSTRUCT YOU AND THE C.A.O., MY SUGGESTION WOULD
12 BE THAT THE C.A.O. QUARTERBACK THIS WITH YOU AND THEN PRESENT
13 SOME RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD WITHIN 30 DAYS OR LESS. IT
14 MAY TAKE THAT LONG TO GET THE INPUT THAT YOU NEED ON THE
15 VARIOUS THINGS, ALTHOUGH I THOUGHT MS. BURKE'S SUGGESTION ON
16 THE GODDESS POMONA WAS OKAY WITH ME. THE-- HOW WOULD WE GO
17 ABOUT DOING THAT TODAY? COULD WE JUST ASK YOU TO DO THAT,
18 ASSUMING THAT-- WE JUST NEED TO MOVE FORWARD.

19

20 **RAY FORTNER:** YES. MR. CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, I
21 THINK THAT, TO MOVE FORWARD IN AN ORDERLY FASHION, IF THIS
22 REMAINS THE WILL OF THE BOARD, WOULD BE TO, I THINK, INSTRUCT
23 BOTH THE C.A.O. AND COUNTY COUNSEL TO WORK WITH THE A.C.L.U.
24 TOWARD AN AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE THAT WOULD BE BINDING ON THEM
25 AND BROUGHT TO YOU AND BE BINDING ON THE DETERMINATION OF THE



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1 BOARD AS TO THE TIMING AND THE PHASING AND WHAT SPECIFICALLY
2 IS EXPECTED. AND I BELIEVE THAT THAT'S WHAT THE A.C.L.U.
3 EXPECTS FROM ITS SIDE.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. SO WOULD WE-- WE WOULD DIRECT YOU
6 TO DO THAT. WOULD IT BE SEPARATE FROM THIS MOTION THAT'S
7 BEFORE US? COULD WE JUST, AFTER THIS MOTION IS TAKEN UP, COULD
8 WE DIRECT TO DO THAT? OR WOULD IT-- SHOULD BE AN AMENDMENT, A
9 SUBSTITUTE FOR THIS, A SUBSTITUTE FOR MR. KNABE'S MOTION? I
10 WANT TO MAKE SURE WE DO IT LEGALLY.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MINE IS JUST A REPORT BACK. WE'RE NOT
13 DEALING WITH THAT ONE. IT'S SEPARATE.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I KNOW THAT, AND WE'LL GET TO YOURS, AND I
16 APPRECIATE THAT. BUT I JUST-- BEFORE WE DEAL WITH MR.
17 ANTONOVICH, I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE NOT MISSING AN
18 OPPORTUNITY HERE. JUST TELL ME HOW...

19

20 **RAY FORTNER:** WELL, I DON'T-- I'M NOT SURE WHAT YOU MEAN BY
21 THAT, I MEAN, I DON'T KNOW THAT IT MATTERS.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, IF WE WANTED TO INSTRUCT YOU TO DO
24 WHAT YOU JUST SAID.

25



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1 **RAY FORTNER:** FOR THE GREATEST CLARITY, FRANKLY, THAT WAS WHAT
2 I THINK WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IS I WOULD BE BRINGING BACK TO YOU
3 THE RESULTS OF MY DISCUSSIONS WITH THE A.C.L.U. AND MAKE SURE
4 THAT THEY ARE AGREEABLE TO THE BOARD IN THAT REGARD. AND A
5 SEPARATE MOTION FOR CLARITY WOULD NOT BE OUT OF ORDER.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING? GO AHEAD.

8

9 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I THINK MAYBE THIS-- I THINK MAYBE THIS MIGHT
10 BE A CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSION. IF YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, LET'S HAVE IT ALL IN THE OPEN.

13

14 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** IF YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT-- WELL, IF YOU'RE
15 TALKING ABOUT SETTLEMENT, IT'S NOT CLEAR TO ME...

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T WANT TO BE ACCUSED OF DOING
18 SOMETHING BEHIND CLOSED DOORS AND SNEAKING AROUND. LET'S-- I'M
19 NOT AFRAID.

20

21 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** IT'S NOT CLEAR TO ME-- BUT THIS IS A LEGAL
22 ISSUE. IT'S NOT CLEAR TO ME WHAT RIGHTS A.C.L.U. HAS AT THIS
23 POINT. IF THE BOARD HAS AGREED TO REMOVE THE CROSS, ARE YOU
24 INSTRUCTING US TO GET THEIR APPROVAL FOR WHATEVER WE PUT ON
25 THE SEAL, THAT'S MY QUESTION?



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, I THINK IT STANDS TO REASON THAT AT
3 LEAST WE GOT TO KNOW THAT THEY'RE NOT GOING TO FILE A LAWSUIT,
4 THAT WHAT WE'RE DOING, AND I THINK THEY'VE ALREADY AGREED IN
5 PRINCIPLE TO WHAT YOU THOUGHT THAT'S WHAT YOU COMMUNICATED TO
6 US LAST WEEK.

7

8 **RAY FORTNER:** THAT'S CORRECT.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, THAT'S WHAT YOU DID LAST WEEK,
11 THOUGHT, ON A THREE TO TWO VOTE, WAS TO DIRECT THE COUNTY
12 COUNSEL TO DO THAT. THIS VOTE HERE, BASED ON THE OUTCOME OF
13 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S MOTION, IF THERE'S NO REVIEW, THEN THE
14 DIRECTION STILL STANDS FROM THE MAJORITY FROM LAST WEEK.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I AGREE WITH THAT AND SO THE NEXT STEP, WHAT
17 I'M LEADING TO, MR. CHAIRMAN, IS, OKAY, NOW WHO IS GOING TO BE
18 IN CHARGE OF TAKING THE SEAL, START DRAWING UP... C.A.O.

19 JANSSEN: COMING UP WITH THE DESIGN AND ALL THE...

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ...YOU KNOW, A MISSION OR HOW WE'RE GOING TO
22 DO IT.

23

24 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I THINK YOU OUGHT TO INSTRUCT THE TWO OF US TO
25 RETURN. YOU WERE GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, I THINK. RETURN



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1 IN 30 DAYS WITH A PROCESS THAT WE CAN RECOMMEND FOR A DESIGN,
2 AN OPEN CONTEST, SOME WAY TO COME UP WITH SOMETHING DIFFERENT-
3 - OPTIONS.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, WE WOULD LEAVE IT-- WHY DON'T-- MY
6 SUGGESTION WOULD BE THAT WE'D LEAVE IT TO YOU AND THE TWO OF
7 YOU TO WORK IT OUT BUT I THINK THAT YOU SHOULD PUT A TIME LINE
8 ON IT OF 30 DAYS SO THAT IT DOESN'T GO ON FOREVER.

9

10 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THE ITEM, THEN, IS BEFORE US, ITEM
13 64-C, I'LL ASK FOR ROLL CALL.

14

15 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO.

18

19 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

20

21 **SUP. BURKE:** NO.

22

23 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO.



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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AYE.

5

6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AYE. MOTION FAILS. NEXT UP WOULD BE ITEM
9 64-B. MY MOTION FOR A REPORT BACK ON THE POTENTIAL COST.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SECOND.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IF I CAN SPEAK TO YOUR MOTION
14 BRIEFLY? I DON'T BELIEVE THAT YOUR-- THAT THE SCOPE OF-- THE
15 BREADTH OF YOUR ANALYSIS IS NECESSARY BECAUSE OUR ACTION LAST
16 WEEK, AND I REITERATED JUST A MOMENT AGO IS NOT TO GO AND
17 REPLACE EVERY SEAL ON EVERY CARD AND EVERY BADGE AND EVERY
18 VEHICLE, BUT THAT WE DEAL WITH THE PERMANENT SEALS, LIKE THESE
19 IN OUR HALL OF ADMINISTRATION, IN OUR BOARDROOM, AND ON OUR
20 WEBSITE AND ANY OTHER PERMANENT SEALS THAT AREN'T GOING TO
21 EVER BE REPLACED UNLESS WE REPLACE THEM, AND THAT ALL OTHER
22 THINGS THAT ARE REPLACEABLE: CARDS, STATIONERY, ENVELOPES,
23 POLICE CARS, VEHICLES OF ALL KINDS, THAT THEY BE REPLACED--
24 THAT THE SEAL BE REPLACED AS THE NEW VEHICLES COME ON BOARD. I



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1 THINK THAT WOULD BE, AND I WOULD AMEND YOUR MOTION TO HAVE,
2 AND IF YOU DON'T MIND...

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I DO MIND. I MEAN, THE REASON I ASKED FOR
5 IT IS, ONE, SORT OF ANTICIPATING THAT ONE OF THE THREE WOULD
6 NOT CHANGE YOUR VOTE. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE THAT
7 INFORMATION AVAILABLE BECAUSE YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT THE ULTIMATE
8 NEGOTIATION THAT YOU'VE DIRECTED COUNSEL TO DEAL WITH WITH THE
9 A.C.L.U., WHETHER THEY'LL AGREE TO THAT OR NOT.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** THEY HAVE ALREADY ACCEPTED IT.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, THEY'VE ALREADY AGREED.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ...SO I THINK--

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEY'VE ALREADY AGREED.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NO, THEY HAVE NOT AGREED.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, THEY HAVE.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEY'VE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE.

24



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IN PRINCIPLE. BUT YOU DON'T WANT THAT
2 INFORMATION OF COSTS?

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, I'LL TELL YOU-- I'LL MAKE YOU THIS
5 DEAL. IF, AT THE END OF THE DAY, THEY WANT EVERYTHING
6 REPLACED, YOU KNOW, LIKE, RIGHT NOW, I WILL SUPPORT YOUR
7 MOTION AT THAT POINT BUT, IF THERE'S NO NEED, THERE'S NO NEED
8 TO SPEND THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS OF ANALYSIS TIME TO FIND OUT
9 WHAT THE COST OF SOMETHING THAT WE'RE NEVER GOING TO INCUR IS.
10 THAT'S ALL I'M SAYING.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AMAZING. ABSOLUTELY AMAZING.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S NOT AMAZING. WE'RE NOT GOING TO DO IT.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT ABOUT WHEN YOU EXHAUST-- YOU HAVE TO
17 EXHAUST THE INVENTORY OF THE SEALS THAT YOU ALREADY HAVE.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S RIGHT.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT IS...

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU'RE GOING TO EXHAUST THAT ANYWAY, MIKE.

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT IS THE SEALS ON
2 BUILDINGS, ET CETERA, IS REPLACING THOSE WHEN-- WITH NEW
3 SEALS, NOT EXHAUSTING THE INVENTORY OF THE SEALS THAT THE
4 VARIOUS AGENCIES HAVE.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ON THOSE SEALS THAT WE PROPOSE TO REPLACE, I
7 WOULD SAY GET A COST ESTIMATE, THAT'S FINE, WHAT IT WOULD COST
8 TO CHANGE THIS. I WAS TOLD LAST WEEK...

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, WHY WOULDN'T YOU WANT ALL THE
11 INFORMATION JUST IN CASE?

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO NEED IT.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YOU DON'T KNOW THAT.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** I WOULD MOVE TO AMEND 64-B...

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** BECAUSE YOU DON'T WANT TO KNOW THE COST.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE:** I WOULD MOVE 64-B TO SAY THAT WE WOULD, UNDER NO
22 CIRCUMSTANCE, CHANGE EMPLOYEE BADGES AND BUSINESS CARDS UNTIL
23 SUCH TIME AS THERE IS A NEW SEAL, THAT ALL COUNTY VEHICLES
24 SHOULD REMAIN WITH THE SAME SEAL UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT EACH
25 VEHICLE IS REMOVED FROM SERVICE AND REPLACED WITH A NEW



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1 VEHICLE. AFTER SUCH-- AND ONLY THEN, IF THERE HAS BEEN ADOPTED
2 A NEW SEAL, THAT NO LETTERHEAD OF ANY OF THE 36 COUNTY
3 DEPARTMENTS BE CHANGED UNTIL SUCH TIME AS ALL OF THE
4 STATIONERY AND ALL OF THE LETTERHEAD HAS BEEN UTILIZED AND
5 THAT IT NOT BE CHANGED UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THERE IS A NEW SEAL
6 THAT'S BEEN DESIGNED. THAT ALL UNIFORMS BE UTILIZED WITH THE
7 PRESENT SEAL UNTIL THEY ARE NO LONGER USEABLE AND ARE BEING
8 REPLACED AND THAT NEW UNIFORMS WOULD THEN BEAR THE SEAL AS IT
9 EXISTS AT THE TIME THE UNIFORM IS PURCHASED. THAT ALL OFFICIAL
10 COUNTY FORMS REMAIN AS THEY ARE UNTIL THEY ARE DEPLETED AND
11 THAT THEY THEN ONLY CHANGE A SEAL IF THERE HAS BEEN A NEW SEAL
12 THAT HAS BEEN ADOPTED BY THIS BOARD. AS IT RELATES TO THE
13 SIGNAGE ON COUNTY BUILDINGS, PARKS, AND FACILITIES, I WOULD
14 ASK THAT THE C.A.O. COME BACK TO US WITH AN ESTIMATE OF THE
15 COST AND WHAT HE WOULD DETERMINE WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE WAY
16 AND A TIMETABLE FOR APPROACHING THAT ISSUE.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SECOND.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YOU YOU JUST CAME UP WITH THAT, HUH?

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT, AGAIN, YOU'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT
23 EXHAUSTING ALL OF THE SEALS UNTIL YOU REPLACE THEM. YOU'RE
24 TALKING ABOUT REPLACING SEALS ON COUNTY VEHICLES, ET CETERA,
25 WHEN THE NEW SEAL IS BEING DEVISED.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S NOT WHAT SHE SAID.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** WHEN A NEW CAR IS PURCHASED, IF, AT THE TIME IT IS
5 PURCHASED, THERE HAS BEEN ADOPTED BY THIS BOARD A DIFFERENT
6 SEAL.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT DO YOU DO WITH THE EXISTING SEALS THAT
9 THEY HAVE?

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** THEY STAY ON.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO, NO, NO. ON THE NEW-- FOR THE-- YOU KNOW,
14 THEY HAVE AN INVENTORY OF SEALS PRIOR TO BUYING THAT CAR. DO
15 YOU USE THAT INVENTORY OF COUNTY SEALS OR DO YOU REPLACE IT?

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, WE CAN ASK THEM TO REPORT BACK ON WHAT THEIR
18 INVENTORY IS OR ON SEALS FOR UTILIZATION ON CARS. I'LL ADD
19 THAT.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, IT'S NOT-- YOU KNOW, I MEAN, I JUST--
22 ONE OF THOSE MIRACLE MOTIONS THAT JUST CAME OFF THE TOP OF
23 EVERYBODY'S HEAD SO...

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SHE IS A LAWYER.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OH, YEAH, YOU ARE A LAWYER, THAT'S RIGHT.

3

4 **FEMALE VOICE:** I BID WE SPEAK.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NO, SORRY, MA'AM, THE DEBATE...

7

8 **FEMALE VOICE:** WHAT IF I AND ALL THESE PEOPLE FILE A CLASS

9 ACTION LAWSUIT AGAINST THE COUNTY... [APPLAUSE]

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THAT'S-- MA'AM? MA'AM? I'M...

12

13 **FEMALE VOICE:** GIVE US (UNINTELLIGIBLE)

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MA'AM, I AM-- THAT IS-- ABSOLUTELY, YOU'RE

16 RIGHT. AND, AND...

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** YOU HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO DO THAT.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YOU HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO DO THAT.

21

22 **FEMALE VOICE:** WE HAVE A RIGHT TO FILE A SUIT.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ABSOLUTELY. I AGREE.

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE:** YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO DO THAT.

2

3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I AGREE.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE:** YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO DO THAT.

6

7 **FEMALE VOICE:** YOU SHOULD (UNINTELLIGIBLE)

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WE'VE BEEN NOTIFIED THIS MORNING THAT
10 SOMEONE ELSE IS READY TO DO THAT.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YEAH, THEY'VE ALREADY FILED A LAWSUIT.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** THEY HAVE FILED THE LAWSUIT.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** THERE HAVE BEEN OTHER LAWSUITS.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THE THOMAS MOORE LAW CENTER IS GOING TO SUE
19 L.A. COUNTY IN FEDERAL COURT FOR REMOVING THE CROSS FROM THE
20 OFFICIAL SEAL SO YOU MIGHT WANT TO LOOK AT THAT AS WELL, TOO.
21 OKAY?

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO FILE A SUIT. [APPLAUSE]

24



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S BEEN MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
2 BURKE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, ROLL CALL ON THE
3 SUBSTITUTE MOTION.

4

5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** ON THE AMENDED MOTION?

8

9 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** YES.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ON THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** MS. BURKE'S? ALL RIGHT. AYE.

14

15 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** AYE.

18

19 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AYE.

22

23 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:**

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.



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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NO, AND THAT'S OUTRAGEOUS THAT-- I'M JUST
5 SHOCKED THAT YOU ALL WOULDN'T WANT TO KNOW THE COST. OKAY. ALL
6 RIGHT.

7

8 **MALE VOICE:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NO, SIR. SORRY. WE HAVE-- ON ITEM-- OKAY.
11 SUPERVISOR MOLINA, YOU HELD ITEM 35, PROBATION.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DID. I HAVE A MOTION THAT I WISH TO INTRODUCE.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THE STAFF WILL PASS IT OUT.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AND FOR ALL OF YOU WHO CAME DOWN TODAY,
18 TOO, AS WELL, I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN FOR
19 SHOWING THE EFFORT. I APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION. I KNOW
20 THAT, IN MANY CASES, MY MICROPHONE WASN'T WORKING BUT THANK
21 YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND HAVE A SAFE TRIP. [SCATTERED APPLAUSE]

22

23 **MALE VOICE:** PLEASE PUT A CROSS ON THE SEAL. PLEASE PUT A CROSS
24 ON THE SEAL. I APPEAL TO ZEV. PLEASE PUT A CROSS ON THE SEAL.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. MS. MOLINA?

2

3 **SUP. MOLINA:** THE MOTION IS BEFORE YOU. THE PROBATION
4 DEPARTMENT IS ASKING FOR PERMISSION TO FURTHER STUDY THE USE
5 OF AN ASSESSMENT TOOL TO EVALUATE THE NEEDS OF JUVENILES IN
6 OUR DELINQUENCY SYSTEM. THIS PROCESS OF CHOOSING AND SETTING
7 AN ASSESSMENT TOOL HAS EXISTED FOR SEVERAL YEARS, LEADING US
8 TO QUESTION WHETHER WE CURRENTLY ASSESS JUVENILES PROPERLY OR
9 CALLING INTO QUESTION ALL OF THE DECISIONS WE MAKE IN CHOOSING
10 WHICH SERVICES TO PROVIDE THOSE JUVENILES. WE HAVE SPENT
11 ALMOST 300,000 IN OVER FOUR YEARS TO CHOOSE A TOOL AND BEGIN
12 USING IT ON A SMALL SCALE AND IT IS UNCLEAR, AT THIS POINT IN
13 TIME, WHAT WE HAVE TO SHOW FOR IT. A PROPER ASSESSMENT IS A
14 CRUCIAL FIRST STEP IN DECIDING WHAT SERVICES TO PROVIDE A
15 JUVENILE AND PREPARING A GOOD CASE MANAGEMENT PLAN. IN
16 ADDITION, SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS AND AGENCIES, WHICH DEAL
17 WITH JUVENILES, SHOULD USE THE SAME OR CONSISTENT ASSESSMENT
18 TOOLS. AGENCIES AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS HAVE A
19 DIFFICULT TIME DEVELOPING A COORDINATED AND UNIFIED CASE PLAN
20 FOR A JUVENILE WHEN THEY DO NOT HAVE A COMMON UNDERSTANDING OF
21 THE PROBLEMS OR THE NEEDS OF JUVENILES. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT
22 THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE AUDITOR,
23 DEVELOP A TIME LINE AND PLAN TO IMPLEMENT THE USE OF A SINGLE
24 ASSESSMENT TOOL TO BE USED FOR EACH JUVENILE WHO IS MONITORED
25 BY PROBATION. THE TIME LINE AND PLAN SHOULD ALSO DETAIL A



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1 SPECIFIC STRATEGY TO ENSURE THAT EACH PERSON WHO ASSESSES EACH
2 JUVENILE, WHETHER THEY ARE MEMBERS OF THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT
3 OR A COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION, IS PROPERLY TRAINED TO DO
4 SO AND THE QUALITY OF THEIR ASSESSMENT AND RESULTING CASE
5 MANAGEMENT PLAN IS MONITORED AS WELL. THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD
6 REPORT BACK WITH A TIME LINE AND A PLAN WITHIN 60 DAYS. AND
7 THAT IS, AGAIN, A COMPLEMENT TO ITEM NUMBER...

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 35.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** ...35.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. AS AMENDED, WE'LL PUT IT ON THE
14 TABLE. THERE'S A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAS HELD THE ITEM AS
15 WELL, TOO, SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AND THEN, ON ITEM 36, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
20 DID NOT HOLD THAT ITEM.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WAIT, WAIT, WAIT, WAIT. I JUST-- ON 36-- IT
23 WAS THE OTHER ITEM, I'M SORRY, MR. CHAIRMAN. I WOULD LIKE TO
24 MOVE THAT-- THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT BEGIN THE CONTRACTING FOR
25 THEIR TRANSCRIBING SERVICES IN 1986 TO PHASE OUT ITS IN-HOUSE



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1 TRANSCRIBING SERVICES. THIS PROCESS INCLUDED REDUCING COUNTY
2 TRANSCRIBERS THROUGH ATTRITION AND HAVING DEPUTY PROBATION
3 OFFICERS COMPLETE THEIR OWN REPORTS ON THEIR COMPUTERS. WHILE
4 THE DEPARTMENT HAS MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN ITS EFFORTS
5 WITH THE DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICERS, ATTRITION HAS BEEN VERY
6 SLOW, NECESSITATING ANOTHER ACTION PLAN. UNDER THE CURRENT
7 CONTRACT, THE ANNUAL SAVINGS TO THE COUNTY ARE \$151,035,
8 COMPLETING THE PHASE-OUT PLAN, WHICH WOULD YIELD ADDITIONAL
9 SAVINGS TO THE COUNTY SHOULD BE EXPEDITED. I MOVE THAT THE
10 BOARD DIRECT THE C.A.O.-- EXCUSE ME, THAT THE CHIEF PROBATION
11 OFFICER TO REPORT BACK IN 30 DAYS WITH THE PLAN TO EXPEDITE
12 THEIR PHASING-OUT SERVICES.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THAT ITEM, AS AMENDED, IS ON THE
15 TABLE AS WELL. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, YOU HELD ITEM 14, BEACHES
16 AND HARBORS.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** AGAIN, ON THAT ITEM, WE HAVE SOME-- ARE YOU NOT
19 VOTING ON THEM? IS THAT WHY-- I'M CONFUSED. OKAY. I'LL GO WITH
20 WHATEVER YOU'RE DOING.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OH. ALL RIGHT. WE CAN'T VOTE BECAUSE A
23 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS HELD EVERY ITEM.

24



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE SOME CONCERNS HERE WITH REGARD
2 TO THE TERMINATION OF THIS CONTRACT AND I NEED ASSURANCE FROM
3 BEACHES AND HARBORS AS WELL AS FROM OUR AUDITOR THAT WE'RE NOT
4 GOING TO RELEASE THE FINAL CHECK TO THIS CONSTRUCTION-- TO
5 THIS FIRM UNTIL WE HAVE-- HAVE BEEN SHOWN PROOF THAT THEY HAVE
6 PAID BACK ALL OF THEIR EMPLOYEES, BECAUSE THE REASON WE'RE
7 TERMINATING THE CONTRACT IS THAT THEY DID NOT FOLLOW OUR
8 LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE AND THEY'RE IN VIOLATION, AND I DON'T
9 WANT TO PAY THEM THEIR LAST CHECK, SO I DON'T KNOW IF I NEED
10 TO AMEND IT.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** STAN'S STILL HERE. WE CAN ADDRESS IT OR WE
13 CAN CONTINUE THE ITEM A WEEK. STAN, CAN YOU...

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, NO, AGAIN, HOWEVER YOU WANT TO DO IT. IF I
16 NEED TO AMEND IT TO SAY THAT, I WILL DO SO. JUST SAY THAT THEY
17 DO NOT HAVE PERMISSION TO ISSUE THE LAST CHECK UNTIL THERE IS
18 VALID PROOF THAT THESE EMPLOYEES HAVE BEEN PAID THEIR FULL
19 WAGES.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** STAN, DO YOU WANT TO COME UP AND ADDRESS
22 THAT?

23

24 **STAN WISNIEWSKI:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WE AT
25 BEACHES AND HARBORS HAVE BEEN WITHHOLDING PAYMENTS TO THE



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1 CONTRACTOR FOR TWO OR THREE MONTHS NOW IN AN EFFORT TO ENSURE
2 THAT WE ACCUMULATE ENOUGH MONEY TO NOT ONLY FUND REIMBURSEMENT
3 TO THE EMPLOYEES FOR WHAT THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN EARNING UNDER
4 LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE BUT ALSO LIQUIDATED DAMAGES THAT THE
5 CONTRACTOR OWES US, NOT JUST FOR FAILURE TO PERFORM THEIR
6 NORMAL MAINTENANCE FUNCTIONS, BUT THERE'S ALSO CONTRACT
7 PROVISIONS OF \$50 PER DAY, PER EMPLOYEE, LIQUIDATED DAMAGES
8 FOR VIOLATING THE LAW AND NOT PAYING THEM THE CORRECT AMOUNT.
9 AND THEN THERE'S ANOTHER \$100 PER DAY FOR VIOLATING THE LIVING
10 WAGE ORDINANCE. SO THIS CONTRACTOR, CANDIDLY, IS PROBABLY NOT
11 GOING TO SEE A DIME BACK FROM US BECAUSE I DON'T BELIEVE THAT
12 THE AMOUNT THAT WE OWE HIM IS GOING TO COVER THE AMOUNT OF
13 LIQUIDATED DAMAGES PLUS WAGES THAT ARE OWED TO THE COUNTY AND
14 THE EMPLOYEES.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. WELL, THEN, THAT RAISES ANOTHER ISSUE.
17 THAT'S NUMBER ONE, BUT I STILL THINK THAT WE HAVE TO FIND OUT
18 IF WE OWE THOSE WAGES TO THOSE EMPLOYEES. SO I THINK THAT--
19 AND COUNTY COUNSEL MAY HAVE TO HELP THE DEPARTMENT A LITTLE
20 BIT HERE IN FIGURING OUT HOW DO WE CREATE-- BECAUSE WE KNOW
21 WHAT THE VIOLATION IS AND WE'VE SORT OF PUT A REMEDY IN PLACE,
22 BUT WE NEED TO RECONCILE WHETHER, IN FACT, WE'VE DONE ALL OUR
23 END OF IT AND HOW WE REMEDY THE SITUATION. SO, HOPEFULLY, YOU
24 CAN WORK THAT OUT AND IF I HAVE ASSURANCES, I DON'T HAVE A
25 PROBLEM WITH MOVING FORWARD BUT I'D LIKE A REPORT BACK AS TO



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1 HOW YOU'RE GOING TO DO IT. SO JUST-- YOU CAN SEND IT JUST TO
2 MY OFFICE, THAT'S FINE, AS TO HOW YOU'RE GOING TO ADDRESS IT.
3 THE OTHER ISSUE, THOUGH, IT DOES SPEAK TO WHETHER, IN FACT,
4 THIS CONTRACTOR WILL EVER HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO COME IN AND
5 HAVE ACCESS-- AND APPLY FOR ANOTHER CONTRACT IN LIGHT OF THESE
6 VIOLATIONS.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO, I MEAN, DO YOU WANT TO HOLD THE ITEM,
9 THEN, UNTIL THAT HAPPENS OR WHAT?

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, I, AGAIN, I'M WILLING TO MOVE FORWARD ON
12 THE TERMINATION. I DON'T WANT TO PREVENT THAT FROM HAPPENING
13 BUT I GUESS THE OTHER ISSUES THAT IT RAISES IS THE
14 RECONCILIATION OF THE WAGES AND WHAT KIND OF POLICY WE HAVE IN
15 PLACE FOR AND THEN WHETHER, IN FACT, THEY'RE GOING TO BE
16 ALLOWED AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMPETE ONCE AGAIN FOR A CONTRACT
17 WHEN THEY'VE BEEN A VIOLATOR OF OUR LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE.

18

19 **STAN WISNIEWSKI:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, WE'RE COMMITTED TO
20 PURSUING DEBARMENT SO THAT THIS CONTRACTOR CANNOT AGAIN WORK
21 FOR COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** EVER IN HIS LIFETIME?

24

25 **STAN WISNIEWSKI:** THAT'S THE WAY I BELIEVE THE PROGRAM WORKS.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THAT'S THE WAY OUR POLICY READS.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** IF THAT'S WHAT IT SAYS, ARE YOU THE CONTRACTOR,
5 SIR? YOU'RE NOT THE CONTRACTOR? OKAY.

6

7 **STAN WISNIEWSKI:** CANDIDLY, THE VIOLATIONS WERE EGREGIOUS
8 ENOUGH THAT I DON'T THINK YOU'D WANT TO TOUCH HIM.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** THEN OUR POLICY IS HOLD. I JUST WANTED TO MEET
11 YOU IF YOU WERE THE CONTRACTOR. OH, OKAY.

12

13 **STAN WISNIEWSKI:** I THINK IT DESERVES A LIFETIME PROHIBITION.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SO THAT'S ITEM 14 THAT'S STILL
18 BEFORE US. I HELD ITEM 4-D AND 6-H AND ALL I WANTED TO POINT
19 OUT WAS THE AN ONGOING SITUATION IN THE COUNTY THAT WE HAVE TO
20 DEAL WITH, ALTHOUGH IT'S UNRELATED SOMEWHAT BECAUSE IT'S
21 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, BUT, YOU KNOW, A 50%
22 INCREASE IN WORKERS' COMPENSATION COSTS TO THE AGENCY, EVEN
23 THOUGH IT MAY BE OFFSET FROM ITS REVENUE, WE HAVE \$800,000 TO
24 ONE POINT TWO MILLION AND SO, WITH THAT, THEN, THAT'S THE ONLY
25 REASON I WANTED TO POINT THAT OUT. ITEM 15, SUPERVISOR



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1 ANTONOVICH DID NOT HOLD. I BELIEVE THAT COVERS ALL THE ITEMS
2 AND THEN MERRITT HOLLOWAY, MERRITT HOLLOWAY HELD EVERY ITEM
3 AND HE'S GOT HIS THREE MINUTES TO TALK ON THE ENTIRE AGENDA
4 RIGHT NOW. HE'S GONE? OKAY. WITH THAT, MOVED...

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT WASN'T INTENTIONAL, WAS IT, MR.
7 CHAIRMAN?

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED
10 BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. ON THE REMAINDER ON THE ITEMS ON THE
11 AGENDA, THEN, I CAN DO THAT, IS THAT OKAY? I CAN DO THAT? MR.
12 COUNSEL? I CAN MOVE THE ENTIRE ITEMS THAT WERE HELD?

13

14 **RAY FORTNER:** YES, SUPERVISOR, YOU MAY. I'M SORRY.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.
17 PUBLIC COMMENT.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WANTED TO DISCUSS ON 17-- THOSE ITEMS.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YEAH, YOU-- WELL, YOU DIDN'T HOLD THEM,
22 SORRY. WELL, YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO GET AN OPINION THAT ALLOWS
23 YOU TO COME BACK ON 17. ANYTHING ON PUBLIC COMMENT?

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** COUNTY COUNSEL HAS BEEN VERY, VERY GOOD TO
2 ME.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** POOR RAY.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. UNDER PUBLIC COMMENT, ROBIN BRACKIM.
7 IS ROBIN HERE? THEN BARBARA WITHERS AND CHARLES BRISTER, IF
8 YOU'LL COME FORWARD, PLEASE.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, MR. CHAIRMAN, DO WE HAVE MOTIONS THAT
11 WE'RE GOING TO...

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NO, WE'VE GOT PUBLIC COMMENTS AND THEN
14 WE'LL DO YOUR MOTIONS. GO AHEAD MA'AM, SORRY.

15

16 **ROBIN BRACKIM:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ROBIN BRACKIM. I'M
17 CURRENTLY ON-- OUT OF SERVICE FROM L.A. COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT
18 SERVICES, FORMERLY THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. I'VE BEEN
19 WITH THAT DEPARTMENT SINCE 1990. I'M HERE THIS AFTERNOON
20 BECAUSE OF NUMEROUS COMPLAINTS BECAUSE OF THE ACTIONS OF MY
21 DEPARTMENT. I HAVE MADE PHONE CALLS, I'VE WRITTEN LETTERS, I
22 HAVE COPIES OF THE LETTERS HERE, COPIES OF THE NOTIFICATION
23 FROM MY DEPARTMENT CONCERNING MY DISABILITY. THEN,
24 APPROXIMATELY 2000, 2001, THE YEAR 2000/2001, I HAVE MOVED
25 ABOUT 14 TIMES. I HAVE LOST TWO CARS. I HAVE GAINED, SINCE



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1 1998 OPERATION, 130 POUNDS. I'M JUST AT MY WIT'S END ON WHAT
2 TO DO CONCERNING THE ACTIONS OF MY DEPARTMENT WHICH I WAS NOT
3 INFORMED OF. AND, YOU KNOW, I'M NOT HERE TO COMPLAIN OR SAY
4 THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THEY'RE NOT DOING THEIR JOB TO
5 THE BEST OF THEIR ABILITY, WHICH THE COUNTY ALWAYS EXPECTED OF
6 ME. I'VE BEEN WITH THE COUNTY OVER 25 YEARS AND, AT 49 YEARS
7 OLD, I NEED SOME HELP. CURRENTLY, I HAVE NO HEALTH INSURANCE.
8 BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT I'VE MOVED SO MANY TIMES, I DIDN'T
9 GET MY MAIL. I CURRENTLY HAVE A RENTAL CAR. CURRENTLY, I'M
10 HOMELESS. I'M UNDER PRESSURE EACH AND EVERY DAY AND I CAN ONLY
11 SOLVE ONE PERSON'S PROBLEM, WHICH IS MINE. I FEEL THAT, GROWN-
12 - I FEEL THAT GROWN PEOPLE, IF YOU'RE OVER 18, YOU NEED TO
13 DEAL WITH YOUR OWN PROBLEMS. I HAVE TRIED TO BE PATIENT WITH
14 MY DEPARTMENT. I HAVE TRIED TO HELP OTHERS AND NOT EVEN
15 KNOWING WHAT THE SUBJECT WAS TODAY. I AM A CHRISTIAN BLACK
16 WOMAN, CHRISTIAN WOMAN, AND I'M JUST-- I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT
17 I'VE ALWAYS STOOD FOR INTEGRITY, ALWAYS TRIED TO BE HONEST, A
18 HONEST EMPLOYEE, PROMOTED THREE TIMES, AND I FEEL LIKE I HAVE
19 THE ABILITY, I HAVEN'T BEEN HEARD. SO MANY OTHER COUNTY
20 EMPLOYEES HAVE SUFFERED, FAMILY AND FRIENDS HAVE ALWAYS-- HAVE
21 ALSO SUFFERED BECAUSE OF THE ACTIONS OF MY DEPARTMENT, NOT
22 REALLY KNOWING WHAT THEY DID AND WHO'S REALLY BEHIND WHAT I
23 HAVE HAD TO CONTEND WITH SINCE 1998. OPERATION HOPE, WHICH I
24 HAVE ALL THE DOCUMENTS HERE, AND I JUST WANT TO BRING THE
25 DOCUMENTS TO JUST CONFIRM MY CONCERN AND MY COMPLAINT AGAINST



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1 MY DEPARTMENT, HAVE BEEN TO PERSONNEL, 3333 WILSHIRE. THEY
2 SENT ME A LETTER BUT NEVER ADDRESSED THE ISSUE, AND THIS IS A
3 COPY OF THE PAPERS.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WHAT WE'LL DO IS...

6

7 **ROBIN BRACKIM:** CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, I CALLED YVONNE
8 BRATHWAITE'S OFFICE, I SPOKE TO BARBARA HEEL, I CALLED MIKE
9 ANTONOVICH...

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WE'LL HAVE SOMEONE FROM HUMAN RESOURCES...

12

13 **ROBIN BRACKIM:** ...GLORIA MOLINA, BARBARA BOXER, BEEN TO THE
14 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, BEEN TO F.B.I., BEEN TO THE LATIHARA
15 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, BEEN TO SOUTHWEST POLICE STATION...

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE CAN HAVE SOMEONE FROM HUMAN
18 RESOURCES MEET WITH YOU RIGHT OVER HERE AND THEN...

19

20 **ROBIN BRACKIM:** ...SINCE 2000...

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ...YOU'RE FROM PASADENA, CORRECT? OKAY. AND
23 THEN SOMEONE...

24

25 **ROBIN BRACKIM:** NO HELP, NO ANSWERS FROM NOBODY.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SOMEONE RIGHT OVER HERE FROM HUMAN
3 RESOURCES WILL VISIT WITH YOU, AND WE ALSO-- I'LL GIVE THIS TO
4 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, BECAUSE YOU'RE FROM PASADENA.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO, SHE'S-- LIVES IN LOS ANGELES.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I HAVE A PASADENA ADDRESS HERE.

9

10 **ROBIN BRACKIM:** YES. CURRENTLY I'M STAYING AT THE-- I DON'T
11 REALLY WANT TO SAY THIS BUT I'M STAYING AT THE...

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY WHERE YOU'RE
14 STAYING. DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT. TALK TO HUMAN RESOURCES RIGHT
15 HERE, MIKE HENRY. BARBARA WITHERS, IS BARBARA STILL HERE?

16

17 **ROBIN BRACKIM:** OKAY. THANK YOU. JUST KIND OF NERVOUS UNDER
18 PRESSURE.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NO PROBLEM. RIGHT OVER HERE. THAT'S OKAY.
21 AND CHARLES BRISTER.

22

23 **CHARLES BRISTER:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON. I WAS CONCERNED ABOUT
24 THE A.C.L.U. I WANTED TO KNOW IF ANYBODY HAS TAKING A LOOK, IF
25 YOU'D CONSIDER TAKING A LOOK TO SEE IF THEY ARE INDEED



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1 SINGLING OUT CHRISTIANS. AND ONE REASON IS BECAUSE, IN
2 ADDITION TO THIS CASE EARLIER THIS YEAR, THERE WAS A CASE TO
3 FORCE THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES TO GET-- OFFER BIRTH CONTROL OR
4 PROVIDE BIRTH CONTROL FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES AND THAT SEEMS TO BE
5 LIKE A VIOLATION OF CHURCH AND STATE, SEEMS TO BE UP TO THE
6 RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS TO DECIDE IF THEY WANT TO DO THAT OR
7 NOT, LET THE A.C.L.U. FORCED THEM TO GO AGAINST THEIR
8 RELIGIOUS BELIEFS AND NOW OFFER BIRTH CONTROL OR PROVIDE BIRTH
9 CONTROL FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES. SO THAT'S ONE OF MY MAIN
10 CONCERNS. ALSO, I WANT TO KNOW IF THEY'VE MENTIONED ANY OTHER
11 RELIGIONS, LIKE, YOU KNOW, WE HEARD THAT THERE WAS A PROBLEM
12 WITH THE CROSS. ON THE BACK OF THE DOLLAR BILL, ABOVE THE
13 EAGLE, THERE ARE A SERIES OF STARS SHAPED LIKE THE JEWISH STAR
14 OF DAVID, SO I'D LIKE TO KNOW IF THE A.C.L.U. HAS EVER GONE
15 AFTER THAT. I DON'T THINK THEY SHOULD. I DON'T THINK THEY
16 SHOULD GO AFTER THE SEAL BUT, IF THEY ARE ONLY SINGLING OUT
17 CHRISTIANS, THEN THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE SHOULD BE CONCERNED
18 ABOUT. SO I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THAT ADDRESSED. ALSO, IN THE
19 CONVERSATION ABOUT OUR HISTORY, I'D LIKE TO REMIND OR INFORM
20 SOME OF YOU THAT THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES WAS ACTUALLY FOUNDED
21 BY A GROUP OF PEOPLE CALLED THE PABLADORES, AND THEY INCLUDED
22 AFRICAN-MEXICANS AND NATIVE MEXICANS. SO, MAYBE IN THE FUTURE,
23 DEPICTIONS OF-- COMMEMORATIONS OF THE CITY, LIKE THE SEAL OR
24 SOMETHING ELSE, YOU MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER HONORING THE
25 PABLADORES IN THAT WAY. THAT'S IT.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE DO HONOR THEM EVERY SEPTEMBER BECAUSE THEY
3 COME FROM THE SAN GABRIEL MISSION. WE HAVE THEM HERE WITH THE
4 CITY OF SAN GABRIEL AND ONE OF MY STAFF MEMBERS FROM THAT
5 GROUP.

6

7 **CHARLES BRISTER:** WELL, I THINK ESPECIALLY WITH THE RACIAL MIX-
8 UP-- MAKEUP OF OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT, THAT SHOULD BE SOMETHING
9 THAT'S COMMON KNOWLEDGE TO OUR STUDENTS, YOU KNOW, TO KNOW
10 ABOUT THE FOUNDING OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. ELODIE MCKEE HAS AN ISSUE
13 ON THE SHERIFF. I APOLOGIZE ON THIS BECAUSE, WHEN I SAW YOUR
14 NAME TWICE, I THOUGHT YOU-- YOU SPOKE ON THE SEAL, SO I
15 THOUGHT-- WE HAD NUMEROUS DUPLICATES OF PEOPLE SIGNING UP FOR
16 THE SEAL. I KNOW THIS IS A SEPARATE ISSUE SO I APOLOGIZE.

17

18 **ELODIE MCKEE:** DO I HAVE ONE MINUTE OR THREE MINUTES?

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YOU HAVE THREE MINUTES.

21

22 **ELODIE MCKEE:** THANK YOU. I'M GLAD THAT GIRL OPENED UP WITH THE
23 PANDORA'S BOX, BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT I LOOKED AT THIS MORNING IN
24 MY ENCYCLOPEDIA, THE PAINTING OF PANDORA'S BOX, BECAUSE THE
25 ONE THING THAT WAS LEFT IN THE JAR WAS HOPE AND I HOPE YOU



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1 PEOPLE START DOING THE RIGHT THINGS, AND I HAVE TREMENDOUS
2 HOPE. EVEN THOUGH THEY'VE TAKEN A LOT OF HEAVY HITS, WHEN THE
3 F.B.I. CASTS ITS NET ON PUBLIC CORRUPTION, THEY'RE GOING TO
4 CAST THE NET FAR AND WIDE, AND I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO PEOPLE
5 GOING TO JAIL. I HAVE A QUESTION BEFORE I BEGIN. THE C.A.O.,
6 DAVID JANSSEN, I BOUGHT A COOKBOOK, DINING WITH THE C.A.O.,
7 SPECIAL EVENTS, \$10, AND I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO MARK, SO I PUT
8 ASIAN/PACIFIC COMMUNITY FUND. I'M JUST WONDERING IF WE COULD
9 GET HIM TO REDO THIS AND PUT A LITTLE BOX THERE AND THEN WE
10 CAN GIVE THAT \$10 THAT I'LL DONATE TO SHERIFF BACA TO FIND MY
11 MISSING MONEY, THE COURT MONEY. IF SHERIFF BACA HAS TIME TO GO
12 TO PAKISTAN, IF SHERIFF BACA HAS TIME TO GET THESE INITIATIVE
13 PETITIONS GOING, IF SHERIFF BACA HAS TIME TO DO ALL THESE
14 THINGS, THEN HE NEEDS TO ADDRESS MY CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORDS
15 REQUEST ACT CONCERNING THE MISSING MONEY OF MY COURT FEES. THE
16 JURY MONEY WAS NEVER TRANSFERRED. THE JURY RIGGING TOOK PLACE
17 IN CASE EC003793. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOU WERE INTERFACING
18 WITH ME AND TRYING TO ANSWER MY LETTERS ALONG WITH THE F.B.I.
19 AND THEN BACA RESPONDED, AFTER I PUSHED THE ENVELOPE, TO GET
20 THE PAPERWORK TO ME, WITH MORE PAPERWORK TO THE F.B.I. SO, I'M
21 GOING TO BE GIVING YOU A COPY OF THIS. I'VE SENT CERTIFIED
22 REGISTERED. I'VE ALSO TURNED OVER THE ITEMS TO MICHAEL
23 GENNACO, WHO SENT ME TO THE F.B.I. WHEN THE CITY WORKERS IN
24 BURBANK PUT A SLASHED EFFIGY AT MY HOUSE TO TRY TO SHUT ME UP.
25 STATE BAR, ET CETERA. SO YOU CAN HAVE THIS COPY...



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MY DEPUTY OVER THERE.

3

4 **ELODIE MCKEE:** ALL RIGHT. AND YOU CAN MAKE COPIES FOR THE REST
5 OF YOUR ESTEEMED COLLEAGUES. SO, ALSO, IT SAYS HERE, "PURSUANT
6 TO THE SUPERIOR COURT FINANCE DEPARTMENT, A REFUND IS NOT
7 APPROPRIATE AND THE COURT IS RESPONSIBLE ONLY FOR JURY PER
8 DIEM." THESE PEOPLE ARE INVOLVED IN MISUSE OF THE MAILS. IT
9 WAS STAMPED AUGUST 11TH, THEN STAMPED SEPTEMBER 11TH. THIS
10 PERSON CAN'T PRACTICE LAW. I DON'T KNOW WHO THIS PERSON IS BUT
11 RAY T. MCCULLOUGH'S FAX MACHINE, HE'S AN ATTORNEY IN PASADENA,
12 I SPOKE WITH HIM, HE SAID THAT NO ONE HAD AUTHORIZATION TO USE
13 HIS FAX MACHINE TO CREATE THE FALSE PUBLIC REPORT IN NORWALK.
14 THE GIRL THAT HE HAD HIRED WAS FIRED. SO NOW THERE'S A FALSE
15 PUBLIC RECORD IN NORWALK IN VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE
16 134 AND 115. YOU GUYS GOT PROBLEMS. YOU GOT PROBLEMS WITH THE
17 MONEY. YOU WILL FIND THE MONEY. SHERIFF BACA WILL ADDRESS ME
18 AND, AS I SAID BEFORE, I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THE DAY WHEN THE
19 F.B.I. INDICTS A WHOLE LOT OF PEOPLE ON PUBLIC CORRUPTION.
20 THANK YOU.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. THERE BEING NO OTHER
23 PUBLIC COMMENTS, WE WILL MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION, IF YOU'LL
24 READ US IN, PLEASE.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ANNA IS GOING TO TALK TO YOU. SHE'S COMING.
2 DON'T...

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4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT
5 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF
6 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM CS-
7 1, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING
8 LITIGATION, ITEM CS-2, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING
9 INITIATION OF LITIGATION, ONE CASE, ITEM CS-3, CONSIDERATION
10 OF DEPARTMENT HEAD.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WAIT, I HAVE MOTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK. I WANT TO
13 INTRODUCE ONE, THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID. SERVICES
14 RECENTLY RAISED QUESTION ABOUT THE USE OF COUNTY POLICE AND
15 THE MANAGEMENT OF COMBATATIVE PATIENTS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
16 HEALTH SERVICES FACILITIES. COUNTY POLICE PLAY A VERY VITAL
17 ROLE IN DIFFUSING WHAT ARE OFTEN POTENTIALLY VOLATILE
18 SITUATIONS AND LIMITING THEIR INVOLVEMENT COULD POSE A THREAT
19 TO THE SAFETY OF PATIENTS AS WELL AS STAFF AND SHOULD BE
20 CAREFULLY EVALUATED. I'D MOVE THAT THE BOARD-- THE DEPARTMENT
21 OF HEALTH SERVICES AND OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT BACK TO
22 THE BOARD IN ONE WEEK WITH THEIR PLANS TO ADDRESS THE CENTER
23 FROM MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES AND, FOR NEXT WEEK, I
24 WOULD ALSO LIKE TO PLACE ON THE BALLOT THAT THE ISSUE ON THE
25 SEAL, THAT THIS BE PLACED ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT TO BE VOTED



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1 ON BY THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY WHETHER TO ALTER THE
2 SEAL. THAT'S FOR NEXT WEEK. AND GET A REPORT BACK ON THE
3 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES.

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5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND ITEM CS-4, CONFERENCE REGARDING
6 POTENTIAL THREATS TO PUBLIC SERVICES OR FACILITIES, AS
7 INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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1 **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON JUNE 8, 2004**

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3 The Board of Supervisors met today in closed session. The
4 following action is being reported regarding Item CS-1:

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6 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

7 (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

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9 Susan Rodde, et al. v. Diana Bonta, County of Los Angeles, et
10 al., United States District Court, Central District of
11 California, Case No. CV 03 1580

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13 Harris et al. v. Board of Supervisors et al., Los Angeles
14 Superior Court Case No. BS 08 1860; United States District
15 Court Case No. CV 03 2008

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17 Union of American Physicians and Dentists, et al. v. County of
18 Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BS
19 083 853

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21 These lawsuits challenge the closure of Rancho Los Amigos
22 National Rehabilitation Center and High Desert Hospital, and
23 alleged curtailments at LAC+USC Medical Center and MLK/Drew
24 Medical Center.

25 Action Taken:



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1 The Board determined not to seek United States Supreme Court
2 review of the decision of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
3 in Susan Rodde, et al. v. Diana Bonta, County of Los Angeles,
4 et al., United States District Court, Central District of
5 California, Case No. CV 03 1580.

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7 The vote of the Board was:

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9 Supervisor Molina: Aye

10 Supervisor Burke: Aye

11 Supervisor Yaroslavsky: Aye

12 Supervisor Antonovich: Aye

13 Supervisor Knabe: Aye

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REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

I, Jennifer A. Hines, Certified Shorthand Reporter Number 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of California, do hereby certify:

That the foregoing transcript of recorded proceedings was taken on Tuesday, June 8, 2004, at the time and place therein set forth and recorded by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my direction and supervision;

And I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of recorded proceedings is a full, true, and correct transcript of the recorded proceedings before the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

I further certify that I am neither counsel for nor related to any party to said action, nor in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 13th day of August, 2004.

_____(Signature on file)_____

JENNIFER A. HINES

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